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Учебное пособие предназначено для проведения аудиторных занятий и организации самостоятельной работы студентов, изучающих английский язык как иностранный в рамках освоения специальности «Таможенное дело». Предлагаемый материал способствует формированию и развитию коммуникативных навыков, необходимых студентам в будущем в ситуациях профессионального общения на иностранном языке. Пособие также может быть использовано на занятиях по английскому языку в рамках смежных направлений и специальностей.

#### ПРЕДИСЛОВИЕ

Учебное пособие «Английский язык в таможенном деле» (English for Customs Service students) предназначено для студентов специальности «Таможенное дело», изучающих английский язык как иностранный на начальном этапе обучения, а также для подготовки к изучения английского языка для профессионального общения.

Пособие состоит из 2 частей (parts). В первой части рассматриваются темы, раскрывающие общую специфику работы таможенных органов: таможенная служба, права и обязанности сотрудников таможни, таможенные правила и ограничения, методы работы и оборудование, применяемые в таможенном деле.

Во второй части пособия освещаются темы, связанные с подготовкой и обучением специалистов таможенного дела: требования, предъявляемые к образованию сотрудников, специфика их подготовки, умения и навыки, круг профессиональных обязанностей, достоинства и недостатки службы в таможенных органах, работа в аэропорту и пограничная служба.

Пособие включает тексты и упражнения, которые способствуют формированию и развитию таких коммуникативных умений и навыков, как говорение, чтение, письмо и аудирование.

Особе внимание уделяется работе над лексикой, которая составляет основу для овладения английским языком как языком профессионального общения на продвинутых этапах обучения (профессиональный английский язык).

В конце первой и второй глав пособия приведены контрольные задания, которые позволяют оценить уровень освоения студентами материала шести разделов, составляющих содержание каждой из глав.

Материалы пособия — это аутентичные тексты и видеосюжеты на английском языке, находящиеся в свободном доступе в сети Интернет, а также упражнения, разработанные авторами (в том числе с использованием данных словаря *Cambridge Dictionary Online*) с целью развития коммуникативных умений и навыков обучающихся.

Большая часть текстов приводится с сокращениями с целью оптимизации представления материала в пособии и акцентирования внимания аудитории на наиболее важной информации, которая изложена в оригинальных версиях материалов Интернет.

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#### WHAT IS CUSTOMS<sup>1</sup>

One of the little rituals all international travelers go through is customs. To most people, this is just another stop in an airport or a minor inconvenience at a country's borders. But when you go through customs, you are actually taking part in a key component of the global economy.

To find out what customs is for and how it operates we have to look at some of the major obstacles customs agents face. We also have to look at the equipment they use to meet those challenges.

A nation's customs service is one of the most essential pieces of a nation's govern-



ment. It has many responsibilities. At its most basic level, its purpose is to regulate what comes into and goes out of a country. The foremost element of this regulation is controlling international trade.

The concept of trade is as old as civilization itself. If my tribe has a huge supply of bananas, and your tribe has a huge supply of fur, we will trade goods so that both our tribes can eat and both can keep warm. In the modern world, international trade is based on money, but it works in pretty much the same way. My country may produce more televisions than the

population needs, but not enough cars. In order to have everything the population needs, businesses in my country will export TVs (sell them to people in other countries) and import cars (buy them from other countries).

Any nation wants its own businesses to do well, so most of the time they prefer their people buy domestic goods over competing foreign goods. But in many cases, goods are available cheaper in another country than in your country, and people naturally want to buy them at the lower price. To tilt the balance in favor of domestic businesses, governments impose tariffs, also called duty, on foreign goods coming into the country.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What is customs to most people?
- 2. Does a nation's customs service have many responsibilities?
- 3. What is customs service's purpose at its most basic level?
- 4. What is the foremost element of the customs service's regulation?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/modern/customs.htm

- 5. What is the concept of trade?
- 6. What is international trade based on in the modern world?
- 7. What does export (import) mean?
- 8. Why do nations prefer their people buy domestic goods?
- 9. Why do people want to buy goods available in another country?
- 10. What do the governments do to tilt the balance in favor of domestic businesses?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Ritual, international, customs, minor, inconvenience, border, go through customs, actually, take part, a key component, global economy, operate, major, obstacle, customs agent, face (v), equipment, challenge, essential, piece, government, nation's customs service, responsibility, basic level, purpose, regulate, foremost, trade (v), concept, huge, supply, goods, to produce, population, need (v), enough, in order to, export (v), sell, import (v), buy, prefer, domestic, compete, foreign, available, cheap, low, price, be in favor of, impose tariffs, duty.

#### 4. Translate the sentences from English into Russian.

1. She was the boss of a large international company. 2. It took us ages to get through customs when we got back from Italy. 3. Your health is generally good, but you do have a few minor problems. 4. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the late arrival of the train. 5. Illegal immigrants are sent back across the border if they are caught. 6. You will need to go through customs after you have retrieved your baggage. 7. It's unclear what actually happened that night. 8. She doesn't usually take part in any of the class activities. 9. It is a key factor in tackling the problem. 10. Some of the global economy's largest industries are potentially at risk. 11. How do you operate the remote control unit? 12. Citrus fruits are a major source of vitamin C. 13. Duty seems to be no obstacle. 14. Customs agent is a person or company that is paid to make sure that all necessary taxes are paid and rules are followed so that goods can be imported into a country. 15. This is one of the many problems faced by working mothers. 16. All of the medical equipment must be sterilized before use. 17. Finding a solution to this problem is one of the greatest challenges faced by scientists today. 18. Computer literacy is becoming as essential as the ability to drive a car. 19. I'm going to have another piece of cake. 20. The minister has announced that there will be no change in government policy. 21. Service is a government system or private organization that is responsible for a particular type of activity. 22. Responsibility means something that it is your job or duty to deal with. 23. Inflation is going to rise two percent from its present level. 24. He gave her a sum of money which she used to good purpose. 25. You can regulate the temperature in the house by adjusting the thermostat. 26. She's one of the foremost experts on

child psychology. 27. For centuries, Native Americans traded with European settlers. 28. In this country, time is an elastic concept. 29. They live in a huge house. 30. The world's supply of agricultural land is shrinking fast. 31. Goods are items for sale, or possessions that can be moved. 32. France produces a great deal of wine for export. 33. The country is facing a population explosion. 34. I badly need a rest from all this. 35. Are there enough desserts for everyone? 36. He came home early in order to see the kids before they went to bed. 37. French cheeses are exported to many different countries. 38. I sold my car to him for \$600. 39. We import a large number of cars from Japan. 40. Do you prefer hot or cold weather? 41. The domestic market is still depressed. 42. To compete means to try to be more successful than someone or something else. 43. Spain was the first foreign country she had visited. 44. Exotic foods are freely available in supermarkets. 45. I got a cheap flight at the last minute. 46. When we went skiing, I only went on the lower slopes. 47. The price of PCs has fallen recently. 49. Are you in favor of a ban on smoking? 50. Very high taxes have recently been imposed on cigarettes. 51. Tariff is a charge on goods entering a country. 52. There's a high duty on alcohol. 53. Coffee and the newspaper are part of my morning ritual.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Он работает в международной компании. 2. Они предпочитают отечественные товары. 3. Пройти таможенный досмотр непросто. 4. Иван – сотрудник таможни. 5. У компании большой запас импортного оборудования. 6. Понятие торговли старо, как мир. 7. Это незначительное препятствие. 8. Между этими городами пролегает граница. 9. У меня недостаточно времени, чтобы принять участие в этом соревновании. 10. Эти две компании фактически конкурируют друг с другом. 11. Он работает без выходных, чтобы оплатить расходы на обучение. 12. Этих товаров нет в наличии. 13. Торговля – это ключевой элемент рынка. 14. Мы производим компьютеры. 15. Наша цель – глобальная экономика. 16. Это дешевое оборудование. 17. Тариф – это тоже налог. 18. Мы экспортируем отечественные товары. 19. Они импортируют иностранное оборудование. 20. Мне кажется, что это базовый уровень. 21. Цены сегодня низкие. 22. Таможенная служба очень важна для страны. 23. Они продают дешевые товары. 24. Населению нужны отечественные товары. 25. Они могут столкнуться с проблемами на таможне. 26. У таможенной службы много обязанностей. 27. Таможенная служба – важная часть государственного управления. 28. Это основная проблема. 29. Он является одним из ведущих специалистов в области IT. 30. Правительство вводит новые пошлины. 31. Мы – за отечественные товары. 32. Это не проблема. Это просто незначительное неудобство. 33. Давайте купим новое оборудование. 34. Нам бросают новый вызов. 35. Таможенная служба должна регулировать импорт и экспорт товаров. 36. Торговля – это определенный ритуал.

## 6. Discuss in pairs what *new information* about customs service you obtained from the text "What is Customs."

#### 7. Read the definition of the word. What word is it? 1. The place at a port, airport, or border where travelers' bags are examined for illegal or taxable goods..... 2. The line that divides one country from another..... 3. The machinery, tools, etc. that you need to do a job...... 4. Something that is your job or duty to deal with..... 5. Things for sale, or the things that you own..... 6. An amount of something that is available for use..... 7. A state or an example of problems or trouble, often causing a delay or loss of comfort..... 8. The system of trade and industry by which the wealth of a country is made and used..... 9. (The situation of being faced with) something that needs great mental or physical effort in order to be done successfully and therefore tests a person's ability..... 10. A principle or idea. 11. A set of fixed actions and sometimes words performed regularly, especially as part of a ceremony ..... 12. All the people living in a particular country, area, or place ...... 13. Relating to a person's own country..... 14. Belonging or connected to a country that is not your own..... 15. A charge or list of charges either for services or on goods entering a country.... 16. Involving more than one country..... 17. To make something or bring something into existence..... 18. Something that blocks you so that movement, going forward, or action is prevented or made more difficult. 19. Necessary or needed..... 20. To try to be more successful than someone or something else..... 21. Why you do something or why something exists..... 22. The group of people who officially control a country..... 23. The amount of money for which something is sold..... 24. To support or approve of something..... 25. Able to be bought or used..... 26. Costing little money or less than is usual or expected...... 27. Having little importance, influence, or effect, especially when compared with other things of the same type..... 28. To buy and sell goods or services, especially between countries.....

#### CUSTOMS AGENCIES<sup>2</sup>

Customs agencies are often major sources of revenue for the government. The U.S. Customs Service, for example, brings in more money than any other government office



except the Internal Revenue Service. To control specific sorts of trade, a government may impose a higher tariff on certain types of goods (alcohol, for example). Certain countries may join together to work out mutually beneficial trade agreements, enabling businesses in those nations to trade more

freely with each other than they can with businesses in other nations. This gives an advantage to nations that a country has a good relationship with.

Customs agencies also monitor what is being exported from a country. For example, most governments strictly regulate what weapons can be exported to other nations. This is simply a common-sense safety measure: It's not a good idea to arm enemy nations, so the government has to know who is buying any domestically-produced weaponry. Customs agencies also pay careful attention to how much money citizens are transporting out of the country.

Duty charges have a huge effect on big businesses, which may import goods worth millions of dollars every year. To regulate trade on this level, a country's customs agency must keep track of all shipments that come into the nation's ports or cross its borders. They can't check every bit of foreign cargo, of course, so agents pick certain boxes to inspect and certain to scrutinize. In an effort to speed up the process, the U.S. Customs Service is implementing new, computerized systems for processing shipments and charging importers.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. Why are customs agencies so important for the government?
- 2. For what may a government impose a higher tariff on certain types of goods?
- 3. What enables businesses to trade more freely with each other?
- 4. What do customs agencies monitor?
- 5. For what do most governments strictly regulate what weapons can be exported to other nations?
  - 6. What effect do duty charges have on big businesses?
  - 7. How often do customs agents check foreign cargo?

<sup>2</sup> https://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/modern/customs.htm

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- 8. For what must a country's customs agency keep track of all shipments?
- 9. What is U.S. Customs Service doing to speed up the process of checking foreign cargo?
  - 10. What is the Internal Revenue Service?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Customs agency, source, revenue, bring, except, control, specific, sort, certain, type, join together, work out, mutual, beneficial, agreement, enable, with each other, advantage, relationship, also, monitor, strictly, regulate, weapon, simple, commonsense, safety, measure, arm (v), enemy, buy, domestically-produced, later on, pay careful attention to, citizen, duty (charges), effect, worth, keep track of, shipment, port, cross, check, bit, cargo, pick, box, inspect, scrutinize, effort, speed (v), process, implement, computerize, charge (v).

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. Every time we cross the country's border, we go through customs. 2. Every country has its customs. 3. Customs is an agency in a country responsible for collecting tariffs and for controlling the flow of goods, including animals, transports, etc. 4. A tariff is a tax on imports or exports between sovereign states. 5. Duty-free goods are cheaper than the usual price because you do not pay any tax on them. 6. You can buy as much food as you want duty-free. 7. The global economy has become unstable. 8. There is no obstacle to making our company truly global. 9. Global economy is the economies of the world's nations, considered as a single economic system. 10. All international email communication has been blocked. 11. We often take part in the international football matches. 12. He will take an international flight to Cape Town. 13. International company is a company which works in more than one country. 14. It is a key component of global economy. 15. There is a huge supply of foreign goods at the customs. 16. Domestic goods are much cheaper than foreign goods. 17. We need to trade with Eastern Europe more. 18. Less than 40% of the population voted in the last election. 19. We are now producing the same quantity of goods with fewer workers. 20. You will have responsibility for sales and marketing. 21. The new government faces many challenges. 22. It is essential that all equipment works properly. 23. The purpose of this dictionary is to help students of English. 24. There isn't enough time to stay longer. 25. The government is not able to regulate the flow of goods imported from other countries. 26. We have arguments in favor of the proposed changes. 27. Fuel prices will probably remain at the same level for a few more months. 28. We receive a basic salary plus commission. 29. I prefer working on my own. 30. In order for the company to be profitable, sales would need to rise. 31. Our firm is in the process of computerizing our old files.

32. Export can help fight off domestic and foreign competition. 33. The bank charged commission to change my traveler's cheques. 34. He applied to become an American citizen. 35. All new products are scrutinized by the laboratory. 36. It takes a long time to prepare the dish but the results are so good that it's worth the effort. 37. He developed a new system to help speed up the work. 38. Congress passed the bill that would implement tax reforms. 39. The ship was carrying a cargo of wood. 40. This is a matter of common sense. 41. He's made a few enemies in this company. 42. Nobody knows who is arming the terrorists. 43. These measures were designed to improve car safety. 44. The advantage of booking tickets in advance is that you get better seats. 45. The traveler was carrying a weapon. 46. Computerization should enable us to cut production costs by half. 47. Taxes provide most of the government's revenue. 48. The museum is open daily except Monday(s). 49. We do not see how these changes will be beneficial to the company. 50. It will be a mutually beneficial project. 51. Finally the two sides have reached an agreement. 52. Cross the bridge and turn right.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Это единственный источник информации. 2. В этом году доход низкий. 3. Вы можете принести словари с собой? 4. Здесь находятся все студенты, кроме первого курса. 5. У меня есть особая причина, чтобы пропустить собрание. 6. Я абсолютно уверен, что вы правы. 7. Мы импортируем определенные виды товаров. 8. Вы должны объединиться вместе, чтобы производить это оборудование. 9. Я думаю, что это взаимовыгодное торговое соглашение. 10. Данное соглашение может позволить предприятиям торговать свободно друг с другом. 11. У нас есть определенное преимущество. 12. У них хорошие отношения с этой страной. 13. Мы пристально наблюдаем за этим процессом. 14. Правительство строго регулирует экспорт отечественных товаров. 15. Это просто мера безопасности. 16. Они уделяют пристальное внимание международной торговле. 17. Пошлины оказывают огромное влияние на бизнес. 18. Сотрудники таможни должны отслеживать все поставки. 19. Мы хотим проверить иностранный груз. 20. Выберите определенные коробки для досмотра. 21. Тщательно проверьте эту партию товара (поставку). 22. Нам нужно ускорить этот процесс. 24. Таможенные службы внедряют новые компьютерные системы. 25. Мы обрабатываем грузы и определяем размер пошлин. 26. Компьютерная система – это ключевой компонент в данном процессе. 27. Международная торговля является неотъемлемой частью мировой экономики. 28. Отечественные товары дешевле и лучше, чем импортные. 29. Он гражданин Соединенных Штатов. 30. Приходите в любой день, кроме понедельника. 31. К сожалению, мы не экспортируем отечественные товары.

#### 6. Discuss in pairs what customs agencies control, monitor and regulate.

7. Read the definition of the word, what word is it?
1. To start using a plan or system
2. The way in which two things are connected
3. The income that a government or company receives regularly
4. The basic level of practical knowledge and judgment that we all need to help us
live in a reasonable and safe way
5. A condition giving a greater chance of success
6. A large amount of goods sent together to a place, or the act of sending them
7. A person who is a member of a particular country and who has rights because of
being born there or because of being given rights
8. The goods carried by a ship, aircraft, or other large vehicle
9. A state in which or a place where you are safe and not in danger or at risk
10. To make certain that something or someone is correct, safe, or suitable by ex-
amining it, him, or her quickly
11. To examine something very carefully in order to discover information
12. The place something comes from or starts at, or the cause of some
thing
13. (Of two or more people or groups) feeling the same emotion, or doing the same
thing to or for each other
14. To ask an amount of money for something, especially a service or activity
15. Helpful, useful, or good
16. To watch and check a situation carefully for a period of time in order to dis-
cover something about it
17. To control something, especially by making it work in a particular way
18. Any object used in fighting or war, such as a gun, bomb, knife, etc
19. To use a computer to do something that was done by people or other machines
before
20. A town by the sea or by a river that has a harbour, or the harbour itself
21. Easy to understand or do; not difficult.
22. A way of achieving something, or a method for dealing with a situation
23. The act of directing the mind to listen, see, or understand; notice
24. A country, or the armed forces of a country, that is at war with another country.
25. To get something by paying money for it.
26. To make certain that you know what is happening or has happened to someone
or something.
27. Physical or mental activity needed to achieve something.
28. A square or rectangular container with stiff sides and sometimes a lid
29. A decision or arrangement, often formal and written, between two or more
groups or people

#### CUSTOMS RESTRICTIONS<sup>3</sup>

While large businesses are the main importers in a country, trade restrictions also apply to the individual traveler. When you bring home souvenirs from another country,

you are actually importing goods.



Customs Control

In many countries, the customs agency allows each traveler to bring back some goods without having to pay tariffs. In most countries, it isn't feasible for the customs agency to check all of the goods that every traveler is importing, so governments have to depend largely on people's honesty. When you enter a country, you are asked to truthfully report what goods you are importing and make a faith estimate of their value. However, customs performs a thorough search of some travelers.

Some customs agencies decide which travelers to search based on random chance. You are asked to press a button on a machine that activates a random number generator. Depending on the number that comes up, either a green light comes on and you can pass through or a red light comes on and the agent searches your bags. Other customs agencies decide who to search based solely on intuition.

After many years on the job, a customs agent develops a keen eye for people who are up to no good. Customs agents are authorized to search your luggage, clothes and even your body without any warrant or reason for suspicion.

Customs agents often work side-by-side with immigration officials, and in some ports of entry, one inspector may represent both agencies. But at its core, a customs agency is concerned with the *things* that are coming in and out of a country, rather than the travelers themselves.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What are the main importers in a country?
- 2. Do trade restrictions apply to the individual traveler?
- 3. When are you actually importing goods?
- 4. Does the customs agency in many countries allow each traveler to bring back some goods without having to pay tariffs?

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 $<sup>^{3} \ \</sup>underline{https://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/modern/customs1.htm}$ 

- 5. Why does the government have to depend largely on people's honesty when they enter a country and bring back some goods?
  - 6. What are you asked to do when you enter a country?
  - 7. Does customs perform a thorough search of some travelers anyway?
  - 8. How do customs agencies decide which travelers to search?
- 9. When does a customs agent develop a keen eye for people who are up to no good?
- 10. Are customs agents authorized to search your luggage, clothes and even your body without any warrant or reason for suspicion?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Restriction, apply, souvenir, traveler, feasible, check, allow, bring back, honesty, enter, truthfully, report, faith, estimate, value, however, thorough, search, decide, search, random, chance, press, button, activate, depend on, either ... or, solely, develop, a keen eye for, be up to sth., authorize, luggage, clothes, even, without, warrant, reason, suspicion, official(s), port of entry, represent, core, be concerned with.

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. The travelers face restrictions on the use of water on board a plane. 2. The rule no longer applies to him, because he's over eighteen. 3. I usually bring back many souvenirs from other countries. 4. Travelers have to pay for the extra luggage. 5. There seems to be only one feasible solution. 6. Customs service agents are allowed to check your clothes, luggage and even body. 7. Honesty is the best policy. 8. They entered the country legally. 9. A truthful person does not lie. 10. He reported truthfully what goods he was importing. 11. However she made a faith estimate of the value of imported goods. 12. Customs agents may search your luggage if they have a suspicion you are up to no good. 13. She decided to activate the system by pressing the button. 14. Today a customs agent may not depend on intuition solely. 15. I have developed a keen eye for good souvenirs. 16. The system is based on random chance. 17. In most countries customs agents are authorized to search your luggage. 18. You either truthfully report what goods you are importing or may be subject to search by customs agents. 19. If there is a reason for suspicion customs agents must check all the travelers' luggage and clothes. 20. A warrant is a document that gives a customs agent official permission to search your luggage. 21. The corporation has implemented a new compensation plan. 22. The city council is responsible for keeping the streets clean. 23. You will need to present the documents at your port of entry. 24. They chose a famous barrister to represent them in court. 25. She is concerned about how little food I eat. 26. The core of her philosophy is respect for life. 27. Better health care was at the core of the senator's campaign. 28. An

official from the Department of Health will be inspecting the restaurant this afternoon. 29. There are speed restrictions on this part of the road. 30. Who authorized his arrival?

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Здесь нет никаких ограничений. 2. Я не знаю стоимость этих товаров. 3. Мы должны досмотреть ваш багаж. 4. Он не всегда полагается на интуицию. 5. Если вы хотите войти, нажмите кнопку. 6. Сотрудник таможни должен внимательно осмотреть ваш багаж и одежду. 7. Я не думаю, что это основание для подозрения. 8. Тщательный досмотр необходим. 9. Это хороший шанс проверить груз. 10. У нас нет ордера. 11. Я всегда привожу сувениры из разных стран. 12. Что ты задумал? 13. Отчет лежит на столе. 14. Честность – лучшая политика. 15. Мы не можем позволить вам пройти без досмотра. 16. В декларации необходимо честно указать стоимость ввозимых товаров. 17. Он сразу видит человека, который задумал что-то. 18. Сотрудники таможни имеют право досматривать пассажиров. 19. Нужно проверить систему и затем привести ее в рабочее состояние. 20. У нас есть ордер, и мы должны проверить ваш багаж. 21. У вас есть основания для подозрения? – Нет. Однако я имею право проверить вашу одежду и багаж. 22. Эти правила распространяются на всех путешественников. 23. Нам нужно разработать новый план. 24. Я не могу вернуться домой без сувениров. 25. Все зависит от обстоятельств. 26. Система основана на случайном выборе чисел. 27. Мне кажется, что это осуществимый проект. 28. Таможенные службы европейских стран обеспокоены большим количеством мигрантов на границах. 29. Он говорил о важнейших ценностях современного общества. 30. Груз будет в порту прибытия в понедельник. 31. Сотрудники таможни не имеют официального разрешения на проведение досмотра за пределами этой зоны.

#### 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is it?

- 1. The cause of an event or situation or something that provides an excuse or explanation......
  - 2. Something you buy or keep to help you remember a holiday or special event.....
  - 3. An official limit on something.....
- 4. The bags, suitcases, etc. that contain your possessions and that you take with you when you are travelling.....
  - 5. To look somewhere carefully in order to find something......
  - 6. A belief or idea that something may be true.....
- 7. To (cause something to) grow or change into a more advanced, larger, or stronger form.....
  - 8. The quality of being honest.....
  - 9. The amount of money that can be received for something.....

10. To be decided by or to change according to the stated thing
11. To choose something, especially after thinking carefully about several possibil-
ities
12. (Especially of rules or laws) to have a connection or be important
13. To guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
14. To give official permission for something to happen, or to give someone offi-
cial permission to do something
15. An official document, signed by a judge or other person in authority, that gives
the police permission to search someone's home, arrest a person, or take some other ac-
tion
16. Detailed and careful
17. To be doing something, often something bad or illegal, usually secretly
18. Able to be made, done, or achieved
19. Happening, done, or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan
20. To give permission for someone to do something, or to not prevent something
from happening
21. To cause something to start
22. To come or go into a particular place
23. To speak, act, or be present officially for another person or people
23. A place where a person enters a country, or goods are taken off a ship, etc
24. Worried about something you
25. The basic and most important part of something.
26. Someone who has an important position in an organization such as the gov-
ernment

## 7. Look through customs rules<sup>4</sup> every visitor arriving in Russia should know and say whether they are similar to those mentioned in the text above.

When crossing the Russian border by train or car, you pass through customs. You should pay attention to the colour signs (green and red arrows or signs). Passengers with no goods to declare go through the green channel of customs; otherwise, go through the red channel. Passing through the green channel is equivalent to stating that you have nothing to declare, so if you accidentally take the green channel and items to be declared are found in your baggage during a random check, it will be categorized as a proven administrative violation for which you will face severe penalties. Therefore every visitor arriving in or departing from Russia should consult the list of items subject to mandatory customs clearance. Penalties for violation of customs rules are severe.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.moscovery.com/customs-and-border/

#### CUSTOMS AND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS<sup>5</sup>

Customs Restrictions of Foreign Destinations – What You Cannot Take to Other Countries

Many countries have restrictions on what you can bring into that country, including food, pets, and medications. Even over-the-counter medications may be prohibited

in some countries. Check in with the foreign embassies and consulates in the U.S. for your destination country to find out what is prohibited. Foreign embassy and consulate contact information can also be found in the Country Specific Information for each country.



Customs Restrictions of Foreign Destinations – What You Cannot Take out of Other Countries

A number of countries have restrictions on what items you can export or take with you when departing that country including, but not limited to: currency, gold and other precious met-



als, precious and semi-precious stones, electronic equipment not declared on arrival, firearms and ammunition, antiques, animal skins, religious artifacts and literature, and ivory and certain other wildlife parts and products.

Countries may require export permits, which may take some time to process. Travelers who violate foreign customs rules can be detained at the airport, fined, have the items confiscated, and, in some cases, be sentenced to prison.

U.S. Customs Restrictions - What You Cannot Bring Back With You

Many wildlife and wildlife products are prohibited from import into the United States. You risk confiscation and a possible fine if you attempt to bring them into the United States. Watch out for the following prohibited items: all products made from sea turtles, all ivory, both Asian and African elephant, rhinoceros horn and horn products, furs from spotted cats, furs and ivory from marine mammals, feathers and feather products from wild birds, most crocodile and caiman leather, most coral, whether in chunks or in jewelry.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What kind of restrictions do many countries have?
- 2. What can such restrictions include?

<sup>5</sup> https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/customs-and-import.html

- 3. May over-the-counter medications be prohibited too?
- 4. What should every traveler do to find out what is prohibited?
- 5. Where can one find foreign embassy and consulate contact information for each country?
  - 6. What items can you not export or take with you when departing the country?
  - 7. May some countries require export permits?
  - 8. What can happen to those travelers who violate foreign customs rules?
- 9. Are there any customs restrictions of foreign destinations in the Russian Customs Service?
- 10. Can travelers who violate Russian customs rules be detained at the airport, fined, have the items confiscated, and, in some cases, be sentenced to prison?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Include, (over-the-counter) medications, prohibit, check in with, embassy, consulate, destination, find out, depart, limit, currency, gold, precious (metals, stones), electronic equipment, declare, arrival, firearms, ammunition, antique, animal, skin, religious, artifact, literature, ivory, wildlife, require, permit, process, violate, rule, detain, fine, confiscate, case, be sentenced to prison, attempt, in chunks, jewelry.

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. The bill includes tax and service. 2. Are you taking any medications now? 3. My son checks in regularly with me when he's travelling. 4. Soldiers guard the main doors of the embassy. 5. Is there the Cuban consulate in Mexico City? 6. It's the good weather that makes Spain such a popular tourist destination. 7. The plane departs at 6 a.m. 8. Is there a limit on the amount of money you can declare? 8. The currency has lost much of its value. 9. The government is raising customs duties. 10. There is a collection of precious objects in his house. 11. A stone hit the window and cracked the glass. 12. Industrial equipment orders have risen by 2 %. 13. Do you have any goods to declare? 14. We regret the late arrival of Flight 637. 15. There is a shortage of ammunition in the camp. 16. Pistols and revolvers are firearms. 17. My mother collects antiques. 18. He's deeply religious and goes to church twice a week. 19. The museum has artifacts dating back to prehistoric times. 20. He's very knowledgeable about German literature. 21. There is a ban on ivory trading in many countries. 22. We have certain reasons for our decision. 23. A new series of wildlife programs has started on Monday evenings. 24. Do you need a permit to work here? 25. Visa applications take 28 days to process. 26. They were charged with violating federal law. 27. You must not break the rules. 28. A suspect has been detained by the police. 29. Drivers who exceed the speed limit can be fined. 30. His passport was confiscated by the police. 31. Bring a map in case

you get lost. 32. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. 33. He's spent a lot of time in prison. 34. There are some chunks of cheese on the plate. 35. The pilot attempted a crash-landing on the beach. 36. The female wore shell jewelry. 37. She decided that she would travel to India. 38. These sales have a beneficial effect on the company as a whole. 39. Many companies already use the Internet to sell goods. 40. A building permit is required.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Включите эту информацию в отчет. 2. У нас есть еда и напитки. 3. У вас есть домашние животные? 4. В багаже есть безрецептурные лекарства. 5. Запрещено проносить багаж без досмотра. 6. Уточните эту информацию в посольстве. 7. Он работает в американском консульстве. 8. Наш пункт назначения – Париж. 9. Тебе нужно найти контактную информацию. 10. Мы отправляемся через час. 11. Время ограничено. 12. У вас есть валюта, золото, драгоценные металлы? 13. У него есть коллекция драгоценных и полудрагоценных камней. 14. Я хочу задекларировать электронное оборудование. 15. Его приезд очень важен. 16. Сотрудники таможни обнаружили в багаже оружие и боеприпасы. 17. Он коллекционирует антиквариат. 18. Я люблю животных. 19. Мы не можем разрешить вам привезти шкуру этого животного. 20. В коробке находились религиозная литература и предметы культа. 21. Запрещено импортировать слоновую кость. 22. Мы должны защищать дикую природу. 23. Если вам необходима контактная информация, уточните ее на сайте посольства. 24. У нее есть разрешение на работу? 25. Нам нужно время, чтобы обработать эту информацию. 26. Вы не можете нарушить это правило. 27. Мы вынуждены вас задержать. 28. Вы хотите его оштрафовать? 29. Сотрудники таможни должны конфисковать этот товар. 30. Это самый сложный случай в моей работе. 31. Их приговорили к тюремному заключению. 32. Он пытался провезти электронное оборудование. 33. Как часто вы проходите таможенный досмотр? 34. Население не покупает отечественные товары. 35. Какова стоимость этих товаров? 36. Мы не конкурируем друг с другом. 37. Это не входит в круг моих обязанностей. 38. Это международный рейс? 39. Важно регулировать запас импортного оборудования. 40. Я не могу запретить вам принимать участие в этом процессе. 41. Тщательный досмотр некоторых пассажиров необходим. 42. Наша основная задача – импорт оборудования. 43. Чтобы ускорить этот процесс, нужно внедрять новые системы обработки информации. 44. Он не обладает каким-то преимуществом в этой ситуации. 45. Данная поставка является важной частью производства товара. 46. В этой стране нет американского посольства. 47. Вы нарушили иммиграционное законодательство. 48. Нельзя провозить антиквариат через границу без специального разрешения. 49. Сотрудникам таможни требуется помощь.

#### 8. Read the definition of the word. What word is it? 1. Something made in an earlier period that is collected and considered to have value because it is beautiful, rare, old, or of high quality..... 2. Animals and plants that grow independently of people, usually in natural conditions..... 3. To announce something clearly, firmly, publicly, or officially..... 4. To contain something as a part of something else, or to make something part of something else. 5. To officially refuse to allow something. 6. To force someone officially to stay in a place..... 7. To go away or leave, especially on a journey..... 8. Objects that can be shot from a weapon, such as bullets or bombs..... 9. The place where someone is going or where something is being sent or taken.... 10. Of great value because of being rare, expensive, or important..... 11. The money that is used in a particular country at a particular time..... 12. A gun that can be carried easily..... 13. To officially take private property away from someone, usually by legal authority..... 14. An object, such as a tool, that was made in the past..... 15. An official document that allows you to do something or go somewhere....... 16. To charge someone an amount of money as a punishment for not obeying a rule or law..... 17. To deal with documents in an official way..... 18. To break or act against something, especially a law, agreement, principle, or something that should be treated with respect. 19. Of, relating to, or involved with religion, or living and worshiping according to the beliefs of a particular religion..... 20. To try to do something, especially something difficult..... 21. Decorative objects worn on your clothes or body that are usually made from valuable metals, such as gold and silver, and precious stones..... 22. The hard yellowish-white substance that forms the tusks of some animals such as elephants, used especially in the past to make decorative objects..... 23. To need something or make something necessary..... 24. The office where a consul works 25. The group of people who represent their country in a foreign country......

7. Meet Kate and find out what American citizens need to do to make their return to the U.S. easy and quick! Write down key positions.

https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/video-gallery/video-library/know-you-go

- 9. Discuss in pairs what you cannot take out of other countries to make our return to Russian Federation easy and quick (you may check at <a href="https://www.moscovery.com/customs-and-border/">https://www.moscovery.com/customs-and-border/</a>).
- 10. Many wildlife and wildlife products are prohibited from import into the United States. You risk confiscation and a possible fine if you attempt to bring them into the US. Watch out for the following prohibited items and say whether these items are prohibited from import into Russian Federation (circle the an-

Most crocodile and caiman leather..... Yes / No

Most coral, whether in chunks or in jewelry...... Yes / No

10. Read the text "Prohibited and Restricted Items" and say: 1) what products CBP prevent from entering the United States, 2) what is the difference between prohibited and restricted products (give examples).



Customs and Border protection has been entrusted with enforcing hundreds of laws for 40 other government agencies, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These agencies require that unsafe items are not allowed to enter the United States.

The products CBP prevent from entering the United States are those that would injure community health, public safety, American workers, children, or domestic plant and animal life, or those that would defeat national interests. Before you leave for your trip abroad, you might want to talk to CBP about the items you plan to bring back to be sure they're not prohibited or restricted. Prohibited means the item is forbidden by law to enter the United States. Examples of prohibited items are dangerous toys, cars that don't protect their occupants in a crash, bush meat, or illegal substances like absinthe and Rohypnol. Restricted means that special licenses or permits are required from a federal agency before the item is allowed to enter the United States. Examples of restricted items include firearms, certain fruits and vegetables, animal products, animal by products, and some animals.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/know-before-you-go/prohibited-and-restricted-items

#### CONTRABAND ITEMS<sup>7</sup>

In different countries throughout the world, there are a wide variety of things that are considered contraband. Sometimes people try to import items without even realizing it's against the law.



In addition to drugs, customs agencies may watch for weaponry, counterfeit merchandise and stolen goods. They also watch for people carrying illegally gained money across borders.

Some completely harmless items may be deemed contraband simply because of the country they come from. If country A is considered to be a national enemy of country B, country B (and other countries) might institute an embargo against that country (a ban on the importation of country A's goods). In the United States, the best known example of this sort of sanction is the embargo against Cuban products.

In many countries, the customs agency closely monitors the importing and exporting of cultural artifacts. Customs agencies have helped to restore many priceless artifacts to their rightful owners.

A country's government might also ban importation of items based on ethics and morality. For example, in many countries, you cannot import ivory or other products that come from endangered animals. In 2000, the United States enacted *the Dog and Cat Protection Act*. It bans the importation of any products made from dog and cat fur that was acquired inhumanely. The U.S. Customs Service confiscates all such goods.

Without customs agencies, nations would have no control over what comes in and goes out of their country. In order to protect its citizens and businesses, a government has to be vigilant in protecting its borders, not only against armed attack, but also against unwanted imports. As any customs agent will tell you, this is crucial to maintaining order in modern society.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. Why may completely harmless items be deemed contraband?
- 2. Why might a country institute an embargo against another country?

<sup>7</sup> https://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/modern/customs.htm

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- 3. What is the best known example of an embargo against another country in the US?
- 4. Do the customs agencies closely monitor the importing and exporting of cultural artifacts?
  - 5. Who do customs agencies help to restore priceless artifacts?
- 6. Might a country's government ban importation of items based on ethics and morality? Give examples.
  - 7. When did the United States enact the Dog and Cat Protection Act?
  - 8. What does this act ban?
  - 9. What does the government do to protect its citizens and businesses?
  - 10. What does a government have to be vigilant in protecting its borders for?
- 11. Does the Russian government protect its borders against armed attack and unwanted imports?
  - 12. Who helps the government to protect its borders?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Throughout, world, realize, in addition to, watch for, drugs, counterfeit merchandise, stolen goods, illegally gained money, completely, harmless, item, deem, consider, institute (v), embargo, ban, sanction, against, closely, restore, priceless, rightful, owner, ethics, morality, endangered animals, enact, protection, fur, acquire, inhumanely, vigilant, attack, unwanted, crucial, maintain, order, modern, society.

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. I agree with you completely. 2. For a long time, tobacco was thought to be harmless. 3. There are three items on the agenda. 4. It is deemed bad manners in some cultures to speak with your mouth full of food. 5. We're considering selling the house. 6. They promise to institute new rules at the customs. 7. They have put an embargo on imports of clothing. 8. There should be a ban on importing alcohol. 9. Study the examples first of all, then attempt the exercises on the next page. 10. Many nations have imposed sanctions on this country. 11. Are you for or against my proposal? 12. We are working closely with customs agencies in many countries. 13. They're trying to restore the good name of the manufacturer. 14. A priceless collection of precious stones was destroyed. 15. Don't forget that I am the rightful owner of this house. 16. Do you know what ethics mean? 17. They are in favor of a new morality based on honesty. 18. Endangered animals may soon not exist because there are very few now alive. 19. Economic sanctions must be enacted against that country. 20. Endangered animals need adequate protection. 21. Animals should not be killed for their fur. 22. He acquired the firm in 2008. 23. Prisoners are living in inhumanely conditions. 24. Customs offic-

ers must be vigilant in checking boxes and packages. 25. The army has been criticized for attacking the unarmed population. 26. How can I stop unwanted emails? 27. Price will be a crucial factor in the success of this new product. 28. We have standards to maintain. 29. Customs officers should always maintain order in their working place. 30. These changes have a huge effect on modern society. 31. What do you think is the role of religion in the modern world? 32. Taken in small doses, this drug is completely harmless. 33. He has a priceless collection of antique silver. 34. Customs officers are expected to be experts in detecting counterfeits.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Я совершенно забыла об этом соглашении. 2. Это безопасные безрецептурные препараты. 3. Эти предметы могут посчитать контрабандой. 4. Мы не считаем эту страну нашим врагом. 5. Правительство не устанавливает новые таможенные правила каждый год. 6. США могут ввести эмбарго в отношении китайских товаров. 7. В стране существует запрет на импорт слоновой кости. 8. Это хороший пример взаимовыгодного соглашения между странами. 9. Что вы знаете об этих санкциях? 10. Вы против этого запрета? 11. Таможенные органы внимательно следят за ввозом и вывозом культурных ценностей. 12. Мы должны вернуть этот багаж законному владельцу. 13. Это бесценный артефакт. 14. В компании есть кодекс этики. 15. Мораль – это неотъемлемая часть современного общества. 16. Что вы знаете о животных, находящихся под угрозой исчезновения? 17. Таможенная служба вводит в действие новые экспортные правила. 18. Нам нужна защита. 19. Бесчеловечно убивать животных ради меха. 20. Сотрудники таможни должны быть особенно бдительными в этой ситуации. 21. Это террористическая атака? 22. Правительство должно защищать границы страны от вооруженных нападений. 23. Эта мера совершенно необходима в данной ситуации. 24. Он нежеланный посетитель. 25. Таможенная служба поддерживает порядок на границе. 26. В современном обществе существует кодекс этики и морали. 27. Сотрудник таможни должен задержать этого человека, который задумал что-то незаконное. 28. Огнестрельное оружие и боеприпасы – это контрабандные товары. 29. Сотрудники таможни отслеживают ввоз товаров и конфискуют предметы, не заявленные по прибытии в страну. 30. Он не должен принимать участие в вооруженных атаках. 31. Мы вводим этот запрет, чтобы защитить своих граждан. 32. Денежные средства, полученные незаконным путем, должны быть конфискованы. 33. Сотрудники таможни имеют право конфисковать контрафактные товары.

#### 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is it?

- 1. A large group of people who live together in an organized way, making decisions about how to do things and sharing the work that needs to be done......
  - 2. To understand a situation, sometimes suddenly.....

3. To give something that has been lost or stolen back to the person it belongs to
4. In every part, or during the whole period of time
5. More valuable than any amount of money; precious
6. Someone who owns something
7. The earth and all the people, places, and things on it
8. Extremely important or necessary
9. To start or cause a system, rule, legal action, etc. to exist
10. The act of protecting or state of being protected
11. Made to look like the original of something, usually for dishonest or illega
purposes
12. Animals or plants that may soon not exist because there are very few nov
alive
13. Used for saying that something else exists or is included
14. Always being careful to notice things, especially possible danger
15. Having a just and fair claim according to the law
16. Goods that are bought and sold
17. In every way or as much as possible
18. Not able or not likely to cause harm
19. The study of what is morally right and wrong, or a set of beliefs about what i
morally right and wrong
20. To get or buy something.
21. Not wanted
22. A situation in which rules are obeyed and people do what they are expected t
do
23. A set of personal or social standards for good or bad behaviour and character
24. To put something into action, especially to make something law
25. In a way that is cruel and causes suffering to people or animals
26. An order to temporarily stop something, especially trading or giving information
mation
27. Existing in the present or a recent time, or using or based on recently develope
ideas, methods, or styles
28. To continue to have; to keep in existence, or not allow to become less
29. To spend time thinking about a possibility or making a decision
30. To consider or judge something in a particular way
31. To get something that is useful, that gives you an advantage, or that is in som
way positive, especially over a period of time
32. An official order that prevents something from happening
33. An official order, such as the stopping of trade, that is taken against a countr
in order to make it obey international law

7. Give examples of embargoes put on goods in different countries (https://www.worldfinance.com/special-reports/the-history-of-trade-embargoes).

# 8. Read the text and answer the questions: 1) Why are the importation of fruits, meats, animals and plants heavily regulated in most countries?; 2) What do customs agencies do to prevent the importation of legal goods that are a threat to the nation's security?

Customs agents also stop the importation of legal goods that are a threat to the nation's security. In most countries, the importation of fruits, meats, animals and plants is heavily regulated due to the fear of disease or ecological imbalance. While it may seem strange that a piece of fruit is considered a threat to national security, the risk of biological contamination is very real. In the late 1980s, one traveler with one piece of contaminated fruit caused an infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies that destroyed millions of dollars worth of crops in California. Customs agencies test food imports, and if the samples do not meet the governments standards, the goods are destroyed or turned away from the port. When animals are brought into the country, they may be put in quarantine for long-term observation.

## 9. Read the text "The most bizarre contraband items being confiscated around the world" and say what problems the article deals with.

Rhino horns in Vietnam, elephant tusks in Africa, turtles in Thailand, and drugs and dirty money just about everywhere: these are but a few of the laundry list of illegal goods being trafficked across country borders these days.

Just this past Tuesday Hong Kong's customs department confiscated 1,120 ivory tusks, 13 rhino horns and five pieces of supremely valuable leopard skin, worth over \$5 million dollars in total. In 2011, Thailand's customs department confiscated endangered turtles worth a total of \$33,000. Contraband artists have been caught smuggling bear claws (above) across the China-Russia border, and poachers have been turning endangered polar bears into rugs and shipping them off for years. Earlier this year, a 70-million-year-old dinosaur skeleton was even successfully smuggled into the US, before it was found, confiscated, and sent back to Mongolia.

But it isn't the mere variety in unusual items that are being smuggled that's baffling – the varying ways in which they are being trafficked is mind-boggling, too. Last year in Germany, dirty money was found concealed in pastries; in Australia, 293 grams of ecstasy were found hidden inside of a Mr. Potatohead doll; and US customs enforcement seized 200 donkey statues containing some 1800 pounds of marijuana back in 2009.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Read the full version at URL: <a href="https://qz.com/113288/the-most-bizarre-contraband-items-being-confiscated-around-the-world/">https://qz.com/113288/the-most-bizarre-contraband-items-being-confiscated-around-the-world/</a>

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Most countries maintain a number of different border-patrol agencies that work together and separately to regulate who and what comes in and out of the country.

In apprehending and prosecuting the smugglers, the agencies would all have to work together.

The United States Customs Service uses advanced, radar-equipped airplanes to patrol the coast from above. At a few airports, customs uses room-sized X-ray machines to look through a person's clothes for any mysterious bulges. At the main border crossing between the United States and Mexico, customs agents use an X-ray machine large enough to scan entire cars and trucks. Some agents are also equipped with handheld electro vacuum devices that analyze the particles in the air around a package or piece of



luggage. Using these sensitive sniffers, the agents can quickly determine if there are explosives or drugs inside.

Customs agencies also use drug-sniffing and bomb-sniffing dogs to stop smugglers. These animals go through an intense training process that teaches them to recognize and locate particular odors in exchange for some play time. In airports, customs agents let the dogs sniff out arriving passengers' luggage and sometimes the passengers themselves.

Additionally, agents may take the dogs on board the plane after the passengers have departed. If a passenger is carrying drugs on his or her body, the dogs might pick up the scent lingering on the seat. The agents then find out who was sitting there and pull the passenger aside for a full body search.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What does a nation's customs agency do in addition to monitoring legal imports?
- 2. What does the customs use room-sized X-ray machines for?
- 3. What are handheld electrovacuum devices used for?
- 4. What do customs agencies use drug-sniffing and bomb-sniffing dogs for?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/modern/customs.htm

- 5. What does the training process teach the animals to do?
- 6. Do customs agents let the dogs sniff out arriving passengers' luggage only?
- 7. Why may the agents take the dogs onboard the plane after the passengers have departed?
- 8. What methods of keeping out illegal items used by a nation's customs agency are described in the text?
  - 9. Which method do you find more effective?
  - 10. Would you prefer to work with machines or animals to keep out illegal items?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Apprehend, prosecute, advanced, X-ray, look through, mysterious, scan, entire, truck, be equipped with, handheld, electro vacuum, device, analyze, particle, air, package, sensitive, sniffer dog, determine, explosive, inside, sniff, smuggler, intense, training process, teach, recognize, locate, particular, odor, in exchange for, let, on board, pick up, scent, linger, seat, find out, pull (aside), a full body search.

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. In addition, customs agents take the dogs onboard the plane. 2. It is not legal to make a false estimate of the value of imported goods. 3. Customs service must keep out illegal items from other countries. 4. Customs agents may use drug-sniffing and bombsniffing dogs to stop smugglers. 5. What size X-ray machines are used at the airports? 5. Customs agents looked through my luggage and clothes. 6. We crossed the main border without delay. 6. Customs agents usually scan your entire luggage if they suppose you are up to something no good. 7. It is a new device that helps customs agents to analyze the particles in the air. 8. Some bomb-sniffing dogs were around the luggage. 9. Customs agent quickly determined that there was something illegal inside the bag. 10. He recognized me at once. 11. We arrived at the airport on time. 12. There were many passengers at the main building. 13. Additionally, customs agent stopped the smuggler for a full body search. 14. There were customs agents onboard the plane. 15. The dog located the odor and sat down near the bag. 16. The passengers have departed and customs agents began to search the plane. 17. I carried a suitcase and a small bag. 18. The dogs must pick up scents they are trained to recognize. 19. I found out that my seat was occupied by another passenger. 20. The holiday was a complete surprise – I only found out about it the day before we left. 21. Last night police apprehended the suspect. 22. Shoplifters will be prosecuted. 23. Customs officers need to be more vigilant in checking bags and packages to prevent smuggling. 24. Customs agencies now seem better equipped to deal with counterfeit merchandise. 25. This watch may be a counterfeit, but it looks just like the original. 26. This is the most advanced type of engine available.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Во многих странах существуют пограничные патрульные службы. 2. Как вы используете это оборудование? 3. У нас нет рентгенологического аппарата. 4. Он просмотрел документы и подготовил отчет. 5. Странный случай, не правда ли? 6. Сотрудники таможни могут сканировать багаж при помощи рентгенмашин. 7. Весь груз был задержан на таможне. 8. На границе стояли грузовики. 9. Аэропорты оборудованы компьютерами и сканерами. 10. Это небольшой прибор позволяет проводить анализ частиц, находящихся в воздухе. 11. Что такое вакуум? 12. Вы должны передать эту посылку сотрудникам таможни. 13. Это очень чувствительный прибор. 14. У него есть собака, которая обучена искать скрытые предметы. 15. Они не могут определить, что случилось с компьютером. 16. В багаже находилось взрывное устройство, оружие и боеприпасы. 17. Внутри находились валюта, антиквариат и драгоценные камни. 18. Сотрудник таможни задержал контрабандиста и конфисковал его багаж. 19. Он испытывал сильную боль. 20. Процесс подготовки длится несколько месяцев. 21. Он преподает историю. 22. Вы узнаете этого человека? – Да. Это один из пассажиров. 23. Полиция пытается найти подозреваемого. 24. Мне нужно именно это соглашение. 25. Мы не можем определить источник этого запаха. 26. Я предлагаю вам свободу в обмен на информацию. 27. Не позволяйте пассажирам оставаться на борту самолета. Это опасно. 28. Собака должна искать и находить по запаху контрабандные предметы. 29. Какой приятный аромат! 30. Запах оставался в помещении в течение нескольких часов. 31. Не могли бы Вы мне помочь? Я не могу найти свое место. 32. К сожалению, эти украшения – подделка. 33. На самом деле, это новейшее оборудование, которое мы используем в нашей работе.

#### 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is meant?

- 1. A smell, esp. when pleasant, or a smell left behind by an animal or person.......
- 2. To give someone knowledge or to train someone; to instruct......
- 3. An extremely small piece of matter.....
- 4. Strange, not known, or not understood......
- 5. (Especially of soldiers or the police) to go around an area or a building to see if there is any trouble or danger.....
- 6. A type of radiation that can go through many solid substances, allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs in the body to be photographed......
  - 7. Someone who takes goods or people into or out of a country illegally......
  - 8. To find or discover the exact position of something.....
  - 9. The mixture of gases that surrounds the earth and that we breathe......
- 10. An object or set of objects wrapped in paper, usually in order to be sent by post.....

11. A particular smell, esp. a bad one
12. On or in an aircraft, train, or ship.
13. To smell something by taking air in through your nose
14. To use a machine to put a picture of a document into a computer, or to take a
picture of the inside of something
15. The act of giving something to someone and them giving you something else
16. A large road vehicle that is used for transporting large amounts of goods
17. To know someone or something because you have seen or heard him or her or
experienced it before
18. To study something in a systematic and careful way
19. An object or machine that has been invented for a particular purpose
20. Whole or complete, with nothing missing
21. To catch and arrest someone who has not obeyed the law
22. To officially accuse someone of committing a crime in a law court, or (of a
lawyer) to try to prove that a person accused of committing a crime is guilty of that
crime
23. Made to look like the original of something, usually for dishonest or illegal
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<sup>10</sup> https://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-customs-officer.htm 30

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planes.

1. Complete the sentences using words or word-combinations from units 1-6. 1. When you go through customs, you are actually taking part in a key component of the ..... 2. The foremost element of this regulation is controlling ...... 3. To tilt the balance in favor of domestic businesses, governments impose ....... also called duty, on ...... coming into the country. 4. Customs agencies are often major ...... of ...... for the government. 5. Customs agencies also ...... what is being exported from a country. 6. Most governments strictly ...... what weapons can be exported to other nations. 7. A country's customs agency must keep track of all ...... that come into the nation's ports or cross its borders. 8. Customs Service is ...... new, computerized systems for ..... shipments and charging importers. 9. Trade ...... also apply to the individual traveler. 10. Customs agents are ...... to ...... your luggage, clothes and even your body without any ..... or reason for suspicion. 11. Customs agents often work side-by-side with immigration ..... 12. Check in with the foreign embassies and consulates for your destination country to find out what is ..... 13. Countries may require export ....., which may take some time to process. 14. Travelers who ...... foreign customs rules can be ..... at the airport, ....., have the items ..... 15. Some ...... may be deemed contraband. 16. In addition to drugs, customs agencies may watch for weaponry, ..... and stolen goods. 17. In the United States, the best known example of this sort of sanction is the ..... against Cuban products. 18. In order to ...... its citizens and businesses, a government has to be ..... in protecting its borders. 19. This is crucial to ...... in modern society. 20. In ...... and ..... the smugglers, the agencies would all have to work together. 21. The United States Customs Service uses ....., radar-equipped air-

#### 2. Agree or disagree with the statements.

- 1. When you go through customs, you are actually taking part in a key component of the local economy.
- 2. A nation's customs service is one of the least essential pieces of a nation's government.
  - 3. To tilt the balance in favor of foreign businesses, governments impose tariffs.
  - 4. Customs agencies are often major sources of revenue for the government.
- 5. To control specific sorts of trade, a government may impose a higher tariff on certain types of goods.
  - 6. Customs agencies never monitor what is being exported from a country.
  - 7. Duty charges have a small effect on big businesses.
- 8. A country's customs agency must keep track of all shipments that come into the nation's ports or cross its borders.
  - 9. Trade restrictions do not apply to the individual traveler.
- 11. When you bring home souvenirs from another country, you are actually importing goods.
  - 12. Customs agents are authorized to search your luggage with a warrant only.
  - 13. Over-the-counter medications are not prohibited in any country.
- 14. Currency, gold, precious and semi-precious stones, firearms and ammunition not declared on arrival are prohibited to export.
- 15. Travelers who violate foreign customs rules are detained at the airport, fined, have the items confiscated.
- 16. Some completely harmless items may be deemed contraband simply because of the country they come from.
- 17. Customs agencies have helped to restore few priceless artifacts to their rightful owners.
- 18. A country's government is not allowed to ban importation of items based on ethics and morality.
  - 19. In 2002, the United States enacted the Dog and Cat Protection Act.
  - 20. Customs service is crucial to maintaining order in modern society.
- 21. The best known example of sanctions against another country is the embargo against Chilean products.
  - 22. Customs agencies closely monitor the exporting of cultural artifacts.
  - 23. Customs service has a few responsibilities.
- 24. In airports, customs agents let the dogs sniff out arriving passengers' luggage and never the passengers themselves.

## 3. Discuss in pairs your future career. What have you learned about it from the texts? Use words and word-combinations from units 1-6.

#### LIE-DETECTING ROBOT IS THE CUSTOMS OFFICER OF THE FUTURE<sup>11</sup>

Travelers in the US and Canada may soon be forced to undergo a lie detector test

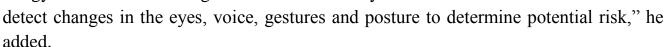
as a standard part of airport security.

The Automated Virtual Agent for Truth Assessments in Real Time (AVATAR) is currently being tested by the Canadian Border Services Agency and the US Department of Homeland Security.

The robot is programmed to look for physiological changes that indicate lying through eye-detection software and other sensors. It could help border agents catch terrorists or drug traffickers.

"AVATAR is a kiosk, much like an airport check-in or grocery store self-checkout kiosk," San Diego State University professor Elkins told SDSU News Center.

"However, this kiosk has a face on the screen that asks questions of travelers and can detect changes in physiology and behavior during the interview. The system can



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Passengers would be made to step up to the kiosk, then answer a series of questions such as, "Do you have fruits or vegetables in your luggage?" or "Are you carrying any weapons with you?"

If lying is detected, a passenger is taken aside for further screening. Passengers are also asked a series of simple questions to measure whether they are simply anxious about flying.

Elkins believes the kiosk – which he says is bilingual and polite – could be used not just for border security, but also for law enforcement and even job interviews.

"AVATAR has been tested in labs, in airports and at border crossing stations," Elkins explained.

"The system is fully ready for implementation. It helps to stem the flow of contraband, fleeing criminals, and detect potential terrorists in the effort to secure international borders."

<sup>11</sup> https://nypost.com/2016/12/29/the-lie-detecting-robot-customs-officer-of-the-future/

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What may be travelers in the US and Canada forced to undergo as a standard part of airport security soon?
  - 2. Who is AVATAR being tested by?
  - 3. What is the robot programmed to do?
  - 4. Could AVATAR help border agents catch terrorists and drug traffickers?
  - 5. What can AVATAR detect?
  - 6. What questions would be passengers made to answer?
  - 7. What happens if lying is detected?
- 8. Are passengers also asked a series of questions to measure whether they are anxious about flying?
  - 9. Where else could be the kiosk used besides border security?
  - 10. Where has AVATAR been tested yet?
  - 11. Is the system fully ready for implementation?
- 12. What does AVATAR help customs to do in the effort to secure international borders?

## 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Be forced to do sth., undergo, a lie (lying), currently, look for, physiological (physiology), change, indicate, (eye-detection) software, sensor, catch, drug trafficker, kiosk, check-in, grocery store, screen, behavior, during, voice, gesture, posture, potential, add, be made to do sth., fruits, vegetables, further, screening, whether, anxious, flying, believe, bilingual, polite, border security, law enforcement, explain, implementation, stem, flow, flee, effort, secure.

#### 4. Translate the sentences form English into Russian.

1. At the airport every passenger is forced to undergo a lie detector test. 2. They are currently testing new equipment. 3. She is looking for a new job. 4. There are some physiological changes that indicate lying. 5. Customs agents have eye-detection software and sensors to catch drug traffickers. 6. Passengers may check-in at the kiosks to save time. 7. AVATAR looks much like a grocery store. 8. He told a lie. 9. There is a face on the AVATAR screen that asks questions. 10. This equipment can detect changes in physiology and behavior. 11. He changed his posture several times during the interview. 12. His eyes, voice, and gestures let the customs officer determine potential risk. 13. She added that she had fruits and vegetables in the luggage. 14. We were made to undergo an interview with the customs agent. 15. The customs officer suspected there was a weapon in the luggage and insisted on further screening. 16. It was a simple question to answer, however his lying was detected. 17. Customs agent asked him some

more questions to measure whether he was up to no good. 18. I believe he is bilingual. 19. Customs agent was very polite. 20. He explained to me that that equipment could be used for border security and law enforcement. 21. I am fully ready for this exam. 22. The full implementation of the system will take some time. 23. This equipment helps to stem the flow of contraband and fleeing criminals. 24. Customs agents detect potential terrorists in the effort to secure international borders. 25. My mother always gets a bit anxious if we don't arrive when we say we will. 26. These measures are designed to stem smuggling. 27. His early career was in law enforcement. 28. Touching causes a physiological reaction. 29. The new computerized system can detect changes in the eyes, voice, gestures and posture. 30. These measures are designed to stem the rise of violent crime. 31. The device is currently available only in Japan.

#### 5. Translate the sentences form Russian into English.

1. Его заставили пройти тест, чтобы определить, не обманывает ли он. 2. В прошлом году она перенесла операцию на сердце. 3. Он переменился в лице, и я поняла, что он солгал. 4. В настоящее время они внедряют новые компьютеризированные системы обработки информации о поставках. 5. Что ты ищешь? 6. Я не знаю, какой будет его физиологическая реакция на холод. 7. К сожалению, он не передумал. 8. Офицер таможни указал на изменения в поведении пассажира. 9. Им не нужно новое программное обеспечение. 10. В комнате были установлены датчики. 11. Сотрудник таможни поймал контрабандиста и конфисковал его багаж. 12. Вы можете купить свежие газеты в киоске. 13. Давайте встретимся у стойки регистрации. 14. Они купили еду и напитки в продовольственном магазине в аэропорту. 15. Этот небольшой прибор может определить изменения в физиологическом состоянии и поведении человека. 16. На экране мы увидели лицо террориста. 17. В ходе интервью он несколько раз поменял позу, и офицер заподозрил, что пассажир лжет. 18. В вашем багаже есть фрукты или овощи? 19. Сотрудники таможни должны увидеть изменения в поведении специально обученной собаки, чтобы оценить потенциальный риск. 20. Каждый сотрудник таможни должен уметь определять изменения в выражении глаз, в голосе и в поведении пассажира. 21. Сотрудник таможни оценил потенциальную опасность. 22. Он работает в правоохранительных органах. 23. К сожалению, этого оборудования сейчас нет в наличии. 24. Мне не нравится его поведение. Он что-то замышляет. 25. Не волнуйтесь. Мы принимаем меры, чтобы остановить беглых преступников.

#### 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is it?

- 1. To make certain something is protected from danger or risk......
- 2. To make something clear or easy to understand by describing or giving information about it.....

3. Worried and nervous
4. A flat surface in a cinema, on a television, or as part of a computer, on which
pictures or words are shown
5. The instructions that control what a computer does; computer programs
6. The way that a person, an animal, a substance, etc. behaves in a particular situa-
tion or under particular conditions
7. The act of starting to use a plan or system
8. To show your ticket at an airport so that you can be told where you will be sit-
ting and so that your bags can be put on the aircraft
9. The way in which someone usually holds their shoulders, neck, and back, or a
particular position in which someone stands, sits, etc
10. Possible when the necessary conditions exist.
11. To experience something that is unpleasant or something that involves a
change
12. A movement of the hands, arms, or head, etc. to express an idea or feeling
13. The activity of making certain that the laws of an area are obeyed
14. Able to use two languages equally well
15. To think that something is true, correct, or real
16. Behaving in a way that is socially correct and shows understanding of and care
for other people's feelings
17. To escape by running away, especially because of danger or fear
18. To show, point, or make clear in another way
19. To stop something unwanted from spreading or increasing
20. At the present time.

## 7. Discuss in pairs some key points of the article "Lie-detecting robot is the customs officer of the future". You may agree or disagree with these statements. You may add information if you know something about such robots.

- 1. A virtual border agent kiosk was developed to interview travelers at airports and border crossings and it can detect deception to flag human security agents.
- 2. It could be more difficult to get into the US and Canada soon with the countries trialing lie-detecting customs robots for travelers.
- 3. The technology relies on sensors and biometrics, and its lie-detection capabilities are based on eye movements or changes in voice, posture and facial gestures.
- 8. "WATCH: Researchers say they've created an automated test that can tell if you're lying by tracking your eyes". You may watch the video at <a href="https://www.cnbc.com/2018/05/15/lie-detectors-with-artificial-intelligence-are-future-of-border-security.html">https://www.cnbc.com/2018/05/15/lie-detectors-with-artificial-intelligence-are-future-of-border-security.html</a> and give your own opinion on this technology.

#### 1. Read and translate the text.

#### A CUSTOMS AGENT CAREER<sup>12</sup>

The main role of a customs agent is to investigate and inspect persons, goods, common carriers, and merchandise, arriving in or departing from the country to detect

violations of immigration and customs laws and regulations.

There are some customs agents that have an extensive knowledge of immigration laws and specialize in working with immigrants. Other agents are trained in how to handle guns and narcotics and work exclusively in that department.

Customs agents work all over the country at land border crossings and in airports. These individuals are the first line of defense against a number of risks to national security. These professionals need to be perceptive and have strong communication and judgment skills.

In order to pursue a customs agent career a person will need to have at least an associate's degree and preferably a bachelor's degree. Most customs agents choose to get their degree in areas such as security management, criminal justice, or psychology. Liberal arts and humanities degrees are also ideal for working with border patrol.

While it is not required, it is ideal for a person to study a foreign language during their years as a student. This can create a great advantage when applying for a job as a customs agent. Law enforcement can also increase a person's chances of becoming a customs agent. However, this experience does not replace the education requirements.

After graduating from college, a person interested in the customs agent field will need to apply for an open position. There are a number of oral tests and written tests, the medical examination and physical examination that a person must pass in order to be considered for a position with border patrol. Additionally, a person that is interested in working as a customs agent will have to go through a fairly extensive background check.

After a person takes all of the required tests, goes through a final interview, they will then start a one or two year training program. The training will include classroom hours as well as physical activities. For those specializing in immigration, courses about immigration laws will be completed. Individuals that are training to deal with guns and narcotics will take courses on how to appropriately handle these situations.

Individuals that complete the training program successfully will then be placed in a position as a customs agent in an airport, at a border crossing, or at a dock or seaport.

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<sup>12</sup> http://legalcareerpath.com/customs-agent/

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What is the main role of a customs agent?
- 2. In what do customs agents specialize?
- 3. Where do customs agents work?
- 4. What degree will a person need to pursue a customs agent career?
- 5. What degree is preferable for a person in order to pursue a customs agent career?
- 6. What experience (knowledge, skill) can increase a person's chances of becoming a customs agent?
- 7. What tests and examinations must a person pass in order to be considered for a position with border patrol?
  - 8. What does the training program include?
- 9. Will all the individuals that complete the training program be placed in a position as a customs agent?
- 10. Why do individuals go through such an intense training process before being placed in a position as a customs agent?

# 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Investigate, common carrier, merchandise, detect, extensive, immigration law, specialize in, exclusively, department, the first line of defense, perceptive, have strong communication and judgment skills, pursue a career, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, area, security management, criminal justice, psychology, liberal arts, humanities, be required, create, apply for a job, increase, replace, experience, education requirements, graduate from, be interested in, oral test, written test, medical examination, physical examination, pass, be considered for a position, fairly, background check, class-room hours, physical activities, deal with, take courses, appropriate, handle the situation (guns, narcotics), complete the training program, place (v).

#### 4. Translate the sentences from English into Russian.

1. Scotland Yard have been called in to investigate the crime. 2. The penalties do not apply to common carriers such as commercial bus services or airplanes. 3. This store has a wide selection of merchandise for sale. 4. Our employment agency deals exclusively with the advertising industry. 5. Her knowledge of English grammar is very extensive. 6. She hired a lawyer who specializes in immigration cases. 7. In the future, cars equipped with on-board computers will be able to detect and avoid traffic jams automatically. 8. If this project fails it will affect not only our department, but also the whole organization. 9. He decided to pursue a career in television. 10. Software is not really my area of expertise. 11. This text raises questions about the criminal justice system. 12. She studied behavioral psychology at college. 13. Liberal arts are college or

university subjects, including history, languages, and literature, that are not technical. 14. You are required by law to stop your car after an accident. 15. I'm applying for a new job. 16. Our main aim is to increase sales by 12% this year. 17. She pursued her goal of earning a law degree. 18. It is important to create a good impression when you meet a new client. 19. The factory replaced most of its workers with robots. 20. Lorna graduated from Freiburg University. 21. He didn't seem interested in coming. 22. She applied for a position in the firm that I work for. 23. We particularly concentrate on oral fluency. 24. Guess what? I've passed my driving test! 25. We don't consider her to be right for the job. 26. The airport finished conducting thorough background checks on airport personnel who have access to secure areas. 27. She's used to dealing with difficult customers. 28. The exam is so hard that only five percent of all applicants pass. 29. Tourism has replaced agriculture as the nation's main industry. 30. What would be an appropriate course of action in such a situation? 31. I thought he handled the situation very well. 32. Her family completed the list of guests. 33. The students are placed in/with companies for a period of work experience. 34. Her books are full of perceptive insights.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Сотрудники таможни должны расследовать это преступление как можно скорее. 2. Он хорошо знает иммиграционное законодательство. 3. В этом семестре у студентов много аудиторных занятий. 4. Он окончил университет в прошлом году. 5. У нее есть степень бакалавра? 6. Я не закончил исследование. Мне нужно еще время. 7. Какова область Вашего исследования? - Современное искусство. 7. Как правило, студенты не интересуются политикой. 8. У него обширные знания в области психологии. 9. Мировая экономика – это область, в которой он достаточно компетентен. 10. Компания-перевозчик оказывает (обеспечивает) услуги с понедельника по пятницу. 11. В какой области Вы специализируетесь? – В области новых информационных технологий. 12. Сотрудники таможни находятся «на передовой» в борьбе с контрабандистами и должны всегда проявлять бдительность в работе. 13. Сотрудники этой службы работают исключительно в аэропортах. 14. Он не подал заявление о приеме на работу, потому что у него нет даже неоконченного высшего образования. 15. Вы выполнили письменный тест? 16. Сотрудник таможни должен уметь справляться с любой ситуацией на рабочем месте. 17. Он успешно выдержал программу подготовки и претендует на должность (его кандидатуру рассматривают на должность) начальника отдела. 18. Она хочет сделать карьеру в правоохранительных органах. 19. На складе большой запас товаров? 20. Какую должность в компании он занимает? 21. AVATAR – это робот, который определяет ложь. 22. Они работают в управлении безопасности. 23. Эти безрецептурные препараты повышают умственную и физическую активность. 24. Вам необходимо пройти медицинскую комиссию и проверку биографии. 25. Она изучает гуманитарные науки в университете. 26. Экспорт компьютеров значительно вырос (увеличился) в прошлом году. 27. В данный момент мы заменяем наше старое оборудование и внедряем новое программное обеспечение. 28. Вы умеете обращаться с оружием? 29. Я не уверен, что эта должность ему подходит. 30. Пожалуйста, положите декларацию на стол и заполните ее. 31. У Вас есть опыт работы в правоохранительных органах? 32. Каковы требования к образованию кандидата на должность сотрудника национальной таможенной службы? 33. Эта работа требует особого внимания. 34. Они создали и внедрили новую компьютеризированную систему обработки отечественных и иностранных грузов. 35. Какие курсы Вы изучали в прошлом году?

## 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is meant? 1. To find someone a job..... 2. To finish doing something..... 3. To deal with, have responsibility for, or be in charge of...... 4. Suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion...... 5. To talk to someone or meet someone, especially as part of your job...... 6. Check of what a person has done in the past, usually as part of the process of deciding whether or not to employ them..... 7. To believe someone or something to be, or think of him (her, it) as something.... 8. Spoken and not written..... 9. A job..... 10. Wanting to give your attention to something and discover more about it ....... 11. To take the place of something, or to put something or someone in the place of something or someone else. 12. To complete a first university degree successfully..... 13. To be successful in an exam, course, etc..... 14. To officially ask for something such as a job, a place on a course, or a loan, usually by completing a special form or writing a letter..... 15. To (make something) become larger in amount or size...... 16. To need something or make something necessary..... 17. College or university subjects, such as history, languages, and literature, that develop students' general education rather than preparing them for a particular job / literature, language, history, philosophy, and other subjects that are not a science, or the study of these subjects. 18. To make something new, or invent something..... 19. The scientific study of the way the human mind works and how it influences

behavior, or the influence of a particular person's character on their behavior......

- 20. A subject or activity, or a part of it..... 21. A part of an organization such as a school, business, or government that deals with a particular area of study or work..... 22. A course of study at a college or university, or the qualification given to a student after he or she has completed his or her studies ..... 23. Covering a large area; having a great range...... 24. To notice something that is partly hidden or not clear, or to discover something, especially using a special method. 25. A company that provides regular services to the general public transporting people or goods..... 26. To try to achieve. 27. Limited to a specific thing or group..... 28. To study or work on a particular subject or skill more than any others, so that you become an expert in it..... 29. The system in a society by which people who are accused of crimes are judged in court..... 30. Goods that are bought and sold...... 31. To examine a crime, problem, statement, etc. carefully, especially to discover the truth..... 32. (The process of getting) knowledge or skill that is obtained from doing, seeing, or feeling things, or something that happens which has an effect on you..... 33. Very good at noticing and understanding things that many people do not notice.....
- 7. Read the text and make a list of responsibilities a customs officer has. Express your ideas on which qualities, skills or qualifications (legal/medical/academic) an officer needs to perform their job.

U.S. customs officers do far more than simply stand around at airports or border stations and look through people's bags. They enforce hundreds of laws for different government agencies and prevent thousands of cases of illegal smuggling each year.

A customs agent job description includes the prevention of terrorists, illegal immigrants, drugs, weapons, and anything else posing a potential threat from entering into this country. This can involve patrolling physical borders and monitoring travelers and cargo coming through international airports and shipping ports; apprehending, processing, detaining, and deporting violators; and seizing drugs and weapons.

Customs agents sometimes work undercover and often perform searches and seizures. They usually work rotating shifts, since borders and ports are open 24 hours a day. This can be a dangerous, even life-threatening job.

#### 1. Read and translate the text.

## STEPS TO BECOME A CUSTOMS AGENT<sup>13</sup>

#### **Step 1: Assess Your People Skills**

Customs agents spend a great deal of time interfacing with travelers and must be personable and patient. They must have keen observation skills and the ability to work with various law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism and smuggling.

### **Step 2: Meet Basic Requirements**

Customs agents must meet many requirements in order to be employed. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license. They must pass a medical, drug and fitness test.

Applicants are additionally required to undergo a background investigation and complete a polygraph test.

#### **Step 3: Interview and Test for Your Position**

All customs agents have to pass the Video Based Test (VBT) and an interview. The VBT is a half-hour examination that requires individuals to watch taped scenar-



ios and record their responses. Situations involve agitated travelers and examples of people and items passing through customs. The interview portion includes questions about a candidate's experience in handling real-life situations that demonstrate the desired job skills. Interviewees are judged on their responses, compensation and presentation abilities.

#### **Step 4: Complete Training**

Customs agents are required to undergo training which includes classroom instruction and hands-on training. During the 15-week program, agents learn firearms skills, inspection techniques and more. Additional training may be required for customs agents selected for posts in Spanish-speaking regions. These agents must pass a Spanish language test or undergo six weeks of additional training in Spanish language proficiency.

### **Step 5: Receive Your Assignment**

After all of the training is complete, customs agents can begin working. Assignments are based on security needs and agents may be required to relocate.

## **Step 6: Accumulate Experience in Order to Advance**

Customs agents, as federal employees, are part of a General Schedule pay system, which rewards employees with increases in responsibility, depending on job performance and longevity.

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<sup>13</sup> https://study.com/articles/Become a Customs Agent Step-by-Step Career Guide.html

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. How do customs agents spend a great deal of time?
- 2. What skills must a customs officer possess?
- 3. What requirements must customs agents meet in order to be employed?
- 4. What is the Video Based Test?
- 5. What questions does the interview portion include?
- 6. What do agents learn while undergoing training?
- 7. When can customs agents begin working?
- 8. When does a General Schedule pay system reward employees?
- 9. What does a customs officer have to do in order to advance?

# 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Assess, interface, personable, meet basic requirements, have (keen) observation skills, ability, be employed, applicant, possess, a valid driver's license, undergo a background investigation, complete a polygraph test, record, response, agitated, experience, demonstrate, desired job skills, interviewee, judge, compensation, hands-on training, classroom instruction, inspection technique, language proficiency, receive, assignment, relocate, accumulate, advance, employee, schedule, reward, increase in, job performance, longevity.

#### 4. Read and translate the sentences.

1. We need to assess whether the project is worth doing. 2. We use email to interface with our customers. 3. She is intelligent, hard-working, and personable. 4. The police are keeping the suspect under observation. 5. Organizational ability is essential in a good manager. 6. Her husband is not currently employed. 7. How many applicants did you have for the job? 8. She had already sold everything of value that she possessed. 9. You must have a valid driver's license to drive a car. 10. We recorded their wedding on video. 11. We must make an immediate response. 12. There was a long delay, and people became increasingly agitated as they waited for the train. 13. I don't think she has the experience for the job. 14. These numbers clearly demonstrate the size of the economic problem facing the country. 15. His words had the desired effect. 16. It's difficult to judge whether the new system really is an improvement. 17. I have to spend three months of the year away from home – but there are compensations like the chance to meet new people. 18. We have developed a new technique for detecting errors in the manufacturing process. 19. I have a lot of reading assignments to complete before the end of term. 20. While the deficit was allowed to accumulate, nothing was done to address the problem. 21. I'll receive my bachelor's degree in the spring. 22. My company relocated me to Paris. 23. He's just trying to advance his own career. 24. Laws exist to stop companies exploiting their employees. 25. Everything went according to schedule.

26. The company rewarded him for his years of service with a grand farewell party and several presents. 27. Any increase in production would be helpful. 28. He was an experienced officer who was always seeking to improve his performance. 29. To what do you attribute your longevity? 30. Yoga is a very effective technique for combating stress. 31. A dog has a keen sense of smell. 32. The customs officer was very intelligent and personable. 33. He underwent a background investigation successfully. 34. So far, he seems to be handling the job well, but it's really too soon to judge. 35. The right questions will enable you to discover whether the interviewee has all the necessary qualities for the job. 36. The technical college offers hands-on training for students who want to learn the building trades. 37. The customs officials made us go through the whole rigmarole of opening up our bags for inspection. 38. Does the training include classroom instruction? 39. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in both languages. 40. After a long career in the antiques trade, Harry had accumulated many rare treasures. 41. Research has advanced our understanding of the virus. 42. The school rewards pupils for good behavior. 43. Businesses are facing a 12% increase in energy costs.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Ваше образование и профессиональные навыки должны соответствовать основным требованиям для того, чтобы вы могли получить работу. 2. Наши сотрудники всегда вежливы и предупредительны. 3. К сожалению, он не слишком внимательный (наблюдательный). 4. Сотрудники таможни должны предотвращать акты терроризма и контрабанды. 5. Ваше водительское удостоверение недействительно. 6. Он умеет работать с разными силовыми ведомствами. 7. Кроме того, у вас должны быть хорошие коммуникативные навыки. 8. Все сотрудники должны пройти проверку на полиграфе. 9. Вы записали свои ответы? 10. Проверка биографии – часть процедуры приема на работу в таможенной службе. 11. Важно провести тщательное расследование этого преступления. 12. Какими профессиональными навыками он обладает? 13. Чем он так взволнован (почему)? 14. Я не записал ваши ответы. 15. Важно завершить проверку биографических данных сегодня. 16. Он еще не проходил проверку на детекторе лжи. 17. У вас есть опыт работы в правоохранительных органах? 18. Он продемонстрировал требуемые (желаемые) рабочие навыки и умение справляться со сложными жизненными ситуациями. 19. Не судите о людях только по их внешности. 20. Мы не получили никакую компенсацию за задержку рейса. 21. Практическая подготовка – важная часть процесса обучения. 22. У вас есть аудиторные занятия сегодня? 23. В данный момент мы изучаем технику проведения досмотра. 23. Знание иностранного языка является важным для современного специалиста. 24. Все сотрудники таможни получили новые инструкции. 25. Какое домашнее задание вы получили? 26. Все сотрудники были переведены в новое здание. 27. За это время они собрали всю необходимую информацию о личности контрабандиста. 28. Вы должны усердно работать, чтобы получить продвижение по службе. 29. Сколько сотрудников в вашей компании? 30. Можно посмотреть расписание занятий на нашем сайте. 31. Какое вознаграждение они получили за выполнение этого задания? 32. Мы наблюдаем рост (увеличение) экспорта отечественных товаров. 33. Его наградили за хорошую работу. 34. Премия зависит от качества выполнения работы и ее продолжительности.

## 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is meant? 1. How well a person, machine, etc. does a piece of work or an activity..... 2. A rise in the amount or size of something..... 3. Something given in exchange for good behavior or good work, etc...... 4. To go or move something forward, or to develop or improve something...... 5. To (cause a person or company to) move to a new place..... 6. A list of planned activities or things to be done showing the times or dates when they are intended to happen or be done..... 7. To get or be given something ..... 8. Someone who is paid to work for someone else..... 9. A piece of work given to someone, typically as part of their studies or job....... 10. To collect or increase something gradually, esp. over a period of time........... 11. A way of doing an activity that needs skill..... 12. To show or make something clear..... 13. (The process of getting) knowledge or skill from doing, seeing, or feeling things 14. To store sounds or moving pictures using electronic equipment so that they can be heard or seen later..... 15. That is wanted..... 16. Worried or angry..... 17. To have or own something, or to have a particular quality..... 18. Having a job working for a company or another person..... 19. To form, give, or have as an opinion, or to decide about something or someone, especially after thinking carefully. 20. Having a pleasing and attractive manner ..... 21. To judge or decide the amount, value, quality, or importance of something...... 22. To communicate with someone, especially in a work-related situation.......... 23. The act of observing something or someone..... 24. A person who formally requests something, especially a job, or to study at a college or university.....

25.	Having legal force
26.	The physical or mental power or skill needed to do something
27.	An answer or reaction

- 28. Very good or well developed.....
- 29. Something that makes you feel better when you have suffered something bad...
- 30. Obtained by doing something, not by reading about it or by watching it done...

# 7. Watch the video "College Graduate Finds CBP Officer Career a Perfect Fit" at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzFmIZvuWr8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzFmIZvuWr8</a> and answer the questions:

- 1. Why did Mary Garcia choose Port of Nogales, AZ as a work place?
- 2. What degrees does she have?
- 3. How often does she encounter Spanish-speaking people?
- 4. Does she get any incentive for language proficiency?
- 5. Does she use both of her degrees on a daily basis?
- 6. What has she been able to do after being released?
- 7. Why does she say Nogales has been a great choice for her?

# 8. Read the text "Should I Become a Customs Officer?" Ask your group mates questions on the text using words in italic.

Customs officers are federal law enforcement professionals whose focus is on border security. This work can be dangerous and stressful. Officers may feel rewarded, however, in knowing that they are working to help keep their country safe.

Typically, a student considering a career as a customs officer completes a degree program as the first step. No specific degree field is required, but students may favor programs in criminal justice. These programs, which take four years to complete, offer courses relevant to a career as a customs officer. With a bachelor's degree, aspiring customs officers can apply for entry-level positions without first gaining experience.

There are success tips: study a foreign language. *Customs officers* often *interact with* people from all over the world. *Proficiency in a foreign language helps* with that interaction and makes the customs officer more valuable. Take the opportunity to study a foreign language while completing an undergraduate degree. This ability is *a great asset* for potential customs officers.

Enter an internship program. *Some schools offer the opportunity* to complete fieldwork in an internship program. *Students* may work in real-world settings and *gain experience with* state police, private detectives, and federal agencies.

To be considered for a position, you need to prove eligibility, choose a location, and apply. *Pre-employment requirements include* a formal interview, background check, medical examination, fitness test, and drug test.

#### 1. Read and translate the text.

#### HOW U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS ARE TRAINED<sup>14</sup>

It looks just like an airport customs checkpoint.

Role players wait in lines, each playing different travelers that a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer is likely to encounter. Some may be playing the role of refugee, others are told to act as though they're hiding something sinister.

The actors have detailed instructions, like to smile and flirt with the CBP trainee, or their script may call for them to avoid eye contact, bite their nails, and appear to be nervous.

"Mr. Madison, can you step aside for me for one second?" one trainee asks a traveler. "Someone's going to come and escort you to secondary, they're going to ask you some more questions."

A CBP trainer watching over the candidate's shoulder informs the officer in training that she successfully sidelined a would-be smuggler.

This real-world scenario occurs at the federal law enforcement training center. These hopefuls are trying to be among the approximately 875 candidates who graduate annually to become CBP officers.

CBP officers work at official ports of entry and they decide who enters the country and who doesn't. The curriculum for a CBP officer-in-training is broad, from constitutional law and computer training to firearms training and tactical role play.







- 1. CBP officer trainees take part in a simulation of a border crossing processing facility, where they need to check travelers' documents before allowing them entry. (Jesse Costa/ WBUR)
- 2. Two CBP officer trainees walk past a woman on the floor as they look to apprehend an active shooter during a drill. (Jesse Costa/WBUR)
- 3. CBP trainees take part in advanced secondary questioning training. (Jesse Costa/WBUR)

CBP officers are responsible for more than 200 job-specific tasks, like upholding immigration laws and trade and commerce laws. But the facility's Branch Chief Nick Sunderhaus says the focus is always on security.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> You may read the full version of the article at <a href="https://www.wbur.org/news/2018/03/15/cbp-officers-training-aclu-case">https://www.wbur.org/news/2018/03/15/cbp-officers-training-aclu-case</a> and find more pictures that illustrate the training process.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What does the training place look like?
- 2. What roles do trainees play?
- 3. What instructions do role players have?
- 4. Does the CBP trainer interfere into the training process?
- 5. How many candidates graduate annually to become CBP officers?
- 6. Where do CBP officers work? What do they do?
- 7. What does the curriculum for a CBP officer-in-training include?
- 8. For what are CBP officers responsible?
- 9. Why does the facility's Branch Chief say the focus is always on security?
- 10. Are there any such training centers in Russia?
- 11. Where are Russian customs officers / agents trained?

# 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Checkpoint, encounter, refugee, hide, sinister, trainee, trainer, call for, avoid eye contact, bite one's nails, appear (to be nervous), step aside, escort, sideline, scenario, occur, approximately, annually, curriculum, uphold, commerce, facility.

#### 4. Translate the sentences from English into Russian.

1. There are more than 6 steps to become a customs agent. 2. To become a customs agent you must assess your people skills and pass fitness test. 4. Customs agents spend a great deal of time interfacing with travelers. 6. Customs agents must be always personable and patient. 7. Do you have keen observation skills? 8. All customs agents must have the ability to work with various law enforcement agencies. 9. Customs agents must prevent terrorism and smuggling. 10. Future customs agents must possess a valid driver's license in order to be employed. 11. Applicants must pass a medical, drug and fitness test. 12. He is required to undergo a background investigation. 13. The applicant completed a polygraph test successfully. 14. I do not want to watch this videotape, because I do not like the scenario. 15. The conversation between the smugglers was recorded by customs agents. 16. To pass the test you must record your responses. 17. He was involved in smuggling, that it why he was arrested by a customs agent. 18. The passengers were very agitated and he could not handle the situation. 19. I have enough experience to be employed as a customs agent. 20. They demonstrated the desired job skills. 21. Interviewees are judged by experienced customs agents. 22. Not needing a car is one of the compensations of living in the city. 23. As a future customs agent I learn firearms skills and inspection techniques. 24. When all the training is complete, customs agents begin working. 25. His first assignment as a customs agent was to examine luggage. 26. Security is the first thing we need at the customs. 27. You must accumulate

experience in order to advance at work-place. 28. He is a good employee, and quickly became part of the team. 29. My shift depends on schedule. 30. Employees were rewarded with increases in responsibility. 31. I am paid depending on my job performance. 32. Longevity means a long life or experience. 33. Checkpoint Charlie was the most famous border crossing between East and West Berlin. 34. The football fans that we encountered seemed harmless enough. 35. Many refugees have arrived at the border without passports. 36. An antique coin was found hidden inside the lining of the suitcase. 37. It was during the 1930s that the world became a much more sinister place and a scientific understanding of peace and war more necessary. 38. We have three new trainees in the security department. 39. Inspection is the sort of work that calls for a high level of concentration. 40. We need to examine how an accident like this can be avoided at the customs in the future. 41. You've got to appear (to be) calm in an interview even if you're nervous. 42. Step aside, please – this lady needs a doctor. 43. The police escorted her to the airport, and made sure that she left the country. 44. Unfortunately he was sidelined by his rivals. 45. There are two possible scenarios. 46. We are of course investigating how an error like this could have occurred. 47. It will take approximately two weeks to collect the data. 48. The event, watched by millions of people all over the country, takes place annually. 49. She demanded to see the school's curriculum. 50. As a customs officer you are expected to uphold the immigration law whether you agree with it or not. 51. They are trying to promote commerce between their countries. 52. The training facility is scheduled to open in April 2025. 53. Inexperience can work against a candidate looking for a job. 54. His facility for languages is astonishing.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Сотрудники таможни ежедневно встречаются с людьми из разных стран. 2. Он работает на пропускном пункте? 3. Сотрудник таможни препроводил контрабандиста в отдел безопасности аэропорта. 4. Ежегодно тысячи беженцев пересекают границу Европейского Союза. 5. Если путешественник старается не смотреть вам прямо в глаза, вы должны быть особенно бдительны. 6. Он хорошо спрятал предметы антиквариата, но сотрудники таможни досмотрели его багаж, нашли и конфисковали все контрабандные товары. 7. Было что-то зловещее в его поведении и внешности. 8. Обучающиеся получают различные задания во время учебных занятий в центре. 9. Инструкторы со стороны (из-за плеча) наблюдают за тем, как кандидаты выполняют задания. 10. Есть несколько сценариев развития. 11. Это задание требует особой наблюдательности (особых способностей к наблюдению). 12. Он казался спокойным, однако инструктор отстранил его от работы. 13. Сотрудник таможни попросил мужчину отойти, чтобы провести досмотр его багажа. 14. Данное происшествие случилось вчера, примерно в 8 часов вечера. 15. Сотрудник таможни проводил пассажиров в зону досмотра. 16. Программа

обучения размещена на сайте. 17. Сколько кандидатов подали заявление на работу? 18. В какое время, примерно, вы досматривали груз? 19. Компания подготовила новые производственные помещения. 20. Он является специалистом в области торговли (коммерции). 21. Коммерческое соглашение было взаимовыгодным, однако руководство не подписало его. 22. Сколько беженцев находится на границе? 23. Какова примерная стоимость этого антикварного украшения? 24. Ежегодно на границе происходят инциденты между сотрудниками таможни и контрабандистами. 25. Чтобы продвинуться по служебной лестнице, вы в первую очередь должны соблюдать закон. 26. Он отвечает за все здания и сооружения на пропускном пункте.

## 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is meant? 1. A place, especially including buildings, where a particular activity happens..... 2. The activities involved in buying and selling things..... 3. The subjects studied in a school, college, etc. and what each subject includes..... 4. To defend or maintain a principle or law, or to state that a decision that has already been made, esp. a legal one, is correct..... 5. Once every year..... 6. (Especially of accidents and other unexpected events) to happen..... 7. A description of possible actions or events in the future..... 8. To force someone or something into a situation in which they have less influence or importance than before..... 9. Close to a particular number or time although not exactly that number or time... 10. A description of possible events, or a description of the story of a movie, play, or other performance...... 11. To go with someone or something as a companion or guard..... 12. To seem. 13. To prevent something from happening or to not allow yourself to do something 14. To need or deserve a particular action, remark, or quality..... 15. Making you feel that something bad or evil might happen..... 16. To put something or someone in a place where that thing or person cannot be seen or found, or to put yourself somewhere where you cannot be seen or found........ 17. A place where people are stopped and asked questions and vehicles are examined, especially at a border between two countries..... 18. A person who has escaped from their own country for political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war..... 19. A meeting, especially one that happens by chance..... 20. A person who is learning and practicing the skills of a particular job...... 21. To step sideways to make a space for someone else.....

# 7. Watch the video "The United States Border Patrol Academy" at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D99GXFSyWpg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D99GXFSyWpg</a> and answer the questions:

- 1. Who is Dan Harris, Jr.?
- 2. Where is the U.S. Border Academy situated?
- 3. In what physical condition are the candidates expected to come to the Academy?
- 4. What is extremely important for the U.S. Border Patrol?
- 5. How long has there been a patch on the left shoulder of the Academy members and graduates?
  - 6. What kind of an imaginable line do the instructors blur for the trainees?
  - 7. What is the training program based on?
  - 8. What transition has been done in the training process over the last few years?
  - 9. How long does the training program last?
  - 10. In what do trainees become proficient during the time in the Academy?
  - 11. What kind of candidates (men and women) are the instructors looking for?

# 8. Read the text "What Is the Education Needed to Work as a Customs Agent?" 15 What department (CBP or ICE) would you prefer to work at? Explain your choice using your active vocabulary.

When the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was formed in 2003, the role of

customs agent evolved into two new career paths. CBP officers work with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) providing the nation's first line of defense at airports, ports and borders. ICE criminal investigators work stateside or abroad to protect the country from terrorist issues or threats to international finance, travel or trade.



CBP officers undergo a 55-day basic training program. The program covers federal law enforcement, physical fitness and border patrol operations protocol, from writing reports to ethics. After being hired as an ICE criminal investigator, the new investigator must go to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for a mandatory 22-week training program covering the technical components of the job. Firearm use and physical fitness are post-hire educational requirements that are taught and tested during this phase of employment.

Fluency in languages other than English will be of benefit for applicants to ICE, since the department's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit has nearly 80 offices operating in 47 foreign countries. For CBP officers, knowledge of Spanish is a job requirement, as some of the people you may encounter in your day-to-day job may speak only Spanish.

<sup>15</sup> https://work.chron.com/education-needed-work-customs-agent-1846.html

#### 1. Read and translate the text.

## CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION<sup>16</sup>

Customs and Border Protection is an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Its mission is to safeguard the nation by preventing the entry of terrorists, weapons, illegal aliens, drugs and other contraband. Hiring requirements for border patrol and customs jobs are stringent. At minimum, applicants must pass thorough background investigations and drug screenings, and must be U.S. citizens. Physical fitness tests and medical exams may also be required for positions such as border patrol agent or pilot.

Border Patrol Agent

Border patrol agents protect the U.S. from smugglers, illegal immigrants and terrorists entering the country. Qualifications are stiff, so personal financial problems, a



history of employment dismissals, illegal drug use or excessive drinking can prevent approval. Without previous experience as a law enforcement officer or a veteran's preference, applicants must be under the age of 40. Agents must be proficient with firearms and random drug tests are conducted.

Customs Officers

CBP officers work at ports of entry to conduct baggage and cargo inspections to determine that no contraband is allowed, that all declaration forms are properly com-



pleted and that any taxes or duties are assessed. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license. The minimum requirement is three years of relevant experience or a bachelor's degree in any field. A combination of experience and education may be acceptable.

U.S. Airport Customs Officer

A U.S. Airport Customs Officer screens passengers, as they are entering the United States. An American airport serves as a border entrance for travelers coming from out-



side of the U.S. An understanding of valid travel documentation is needed to review passports and visas. Trained to look for security threats, a customs officer asks pointed questions to determine why passengers are entering the country. Strong communication skills and the ability to detect untruthful answers is

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 $<sup>{\</sup>color{red}^{16}} \, \underline{\text{https://work.chron.com/requirements-become-us-airport-customs-officer-25722.html}$ 

key in the screening process. In addition to surveying passengers, U.S. Airport Customs Officers search luggage to look for contraband or questionable items. A thorough knowledge of legal items allowed in the U.S. is critical for this process. In the event that a passenger is on a terrorist watch list or is trying to bring something illegal into the country, a U.S. Airport Customs officer must know how to respond, retain the individual, and deescalate the situation.

#### 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What is Customs and Border Protection mission?
- 2. What are hiring requirements for border patrol and customs jobs?
- 3. What do border patrol agents do?
- 4. What can prevent approval for the position of a border patrol agent?
- 5. Does the age of an applicant matter in the hiring process?
- 6. For what do CBP officers conduct baggage and cargo inspections?
- 7. What is the minimum requirement for a CBP officer position?
- 8. What does a U.S. Airport customs officer do?
- 9. What are U.S. Airport customs officers trained to do?
- 10. What requirements should a candidate meet to be considered for the position?

# 3. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Safeguard, alien, hire, stringent, drug screenings, qualification, stiff, personal, financial, employment dismissal, illegal drug use, excessive (drinking), approval, previous, experience, preference, random, be proficient with, conduct (baggage and cargo inspections), determine, properly, hold, relevant, combination, acceptable, serve as, entrance, understanding, valid (travel documentation, driver's license), review (passports and visas), threat, pointed questions, strong communication skills, ability, detect (untruthful answers), survey, (in the) event, be on a terrorist watch list, try, respond, retain, deescalate (the situation).

#### 4. Translate the sentences from English into Russian.

- 1. New steps are being taken to safeguard medical workers in the war zone.
- 2. They are recommending that long-term alien workers should be granted citizenship.
- 3. I was hired by the first company I applied to. 4. The city has stringent fire-safety standards. 5. Employment screening is a process in which someone's previous jobs, personal activities, etc. are examined in order to find out if they are suitable or able to do a particular job. 6. One of the qualifications you need to work here is a sense of humour! 7. Some colleges have stiffer entry requirements than others. 8. My personal opinion is
- 7. Some colleges have stiffer entry requirements than others. 8. My personal opinion is that the students should be doing more work outside the classroom. 9. Is there any hope

of getting financial support for the project? 10. Some economists think that full employment in Europe is an unattainable goal. 11. How long have you been looking for employment? 12. After leaving Pearson, it took Friedman months to find new employment. 13. About 1,800 coal miners started a strike to protest the dismissal of 97 workers. 14. Any more pudding would simply be excessive. 15. Alan is someone who always needs the approval of other people. 16. Sales this year exceeded the total for the two previous years. 17. We give preference to those who have worked with us for a long time. 18. The experiments were conducted by scientists in New York. 19. He is a proficient swimmer. 20. How many applicants did you have for the job? 21. Eye colour is genetically determined. 22. It's still not working properly. 23. The world's largest biotech firm holds patents on the DNA sequences. 24. We turned over relevant documents to the investigating team. 25. The offer is acceptable to the union leaders. 26. There are two entrances - one at the front and one around the back. 27. His answer demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of the question. 28. My passport is valid for another two years. 29. Officials have to review the document. 30. A threat of rain is in today's forecast. 31. My aunt made a few pointed remarks about my taste in clothes. 32. He got out of the car to survey the damage. 33. In the event of a strike, the army will take over responsibility for firefighting. 34. A passenger was ordered off the flight because his name appeared on the FBI's watch list. 35. If I don't get into the academy this year, I'll try again next year. 36. To every question, he responded "I don't know." 37. Salespeople have developed new ways to use the Web to reach or retain customers. 38. The government has taken these measures in an attempt to de-escalate the conflict.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Нам необходимо обеспечить безопасность сотрудников таможни и пассажиров. 2. Мы нанимаем новых сотрудников каждый год. Однако в этом году мы еще никого не приняли на работу. 3. В компании существуют строгие правила, которые регулируют взаимоотношения между сотрудниками. 4. Он успешно прошел проверку биографии и тест на отсутствие следов применения наркотических веществ. 5. Все сотрудники патрульной пограничной службы должны иметь американское гражданство и соответствующую (определенную) квалификацию. 6. Квалификационные требования достаточно жесткие, потому что сотрудникам пограничной патрульной службы придется предотвращать проникновение в страну террористов. 7. У меня никогда не было финансовых проблем. 8. Он был уволен со своего поста в прошлом году. В моем отчете есть соответствующая запись об этом. 9. Незаконное употребление наркотических веществ или злоупотребление алкоголем – это причины, чтобы отклонить ваше заявление о приеме на работу. 10. У вас есть опыт работы в правоохранительных органах? 11. У нас нет особых предпочтений, но все кандидаты должны уметь обращаться с оружием.

12. Вы когда-нибудь проводили досмотр багажа и груза? 13. Мы провели досмотр груза, чтобы определить, нет ли потенциального риска для граждан. 14. Правильно ли вы заполнили все формы декларации? 15. Кандидаты должны знать, как определять размер (оценивать) пошлин. 16. У вас есть водительское удостоверение? 17. Этот кандидат не соответствует требованиям, потому что у него нет соответствующего опыта. 40. У него есть степень бакалавра в какой-то области? 41. У меня есть и опыт, и образование (и то, и другое вместе). 42. Я думаю, что это неприемлемо. 43. АВАТАР служит защитой от нелегальных иммигрантов и террористов. 44. Таможня – это вход на территорию страны. 45. Необходимо четкое понимание того, как выглядят настоящие документы: таможенная декларация, паспорт, виза. 46. Знаете ли вы, как проводить проверку паспорта и визы? 47. Сотрудники таможни подготовлены к тому, чтобы определять наличие угрозы безопасности. 48. Он задал пассажирам несколько наводящих вопросов, чтобы определить, есть ли среди них нелегальные иммигранты. 49. У него есть хорошие коммуникативные навыки? 50. Сотрудники таможни умеют хорошо определять ложь (в ответах). 51. Проверка пассажиров - ключевой компонент в работе сотрудника таможни. 52. Он закончил проверку пассажиров и начал досматривать багаж. 53. Необходима тщательная проверка груза. К сожалению, у него нет соответствующих знаний, чтобы сделать это. 54. В случае, если сотрудники таможни ищут контрабандные или какие-то сомнительные предметы, будьте готовы отвечать на специальные вопросы. 55. Мужчина был в списке разыскиваемых террористов и сотрудник таможни должен был быстро определить потенциальный риск и принять меры безопасности. 56. Он пытается ввезти что-то незаконное в страну. 57. Сотрудники таможни знают, как реагировать в этой ситуации, не используя оружие. 58. К сожалению, она не знала, как удержать его и разрядить ситуацию. 59. У входа стоит несколько кандидатов. 60. Эти события очень важны для страны и ее граждан.

#### 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is it?

- 1. To (cause to) become less dangerous or difficult.....
- 2. To attempt to do something.
- 3. If something happens.....
- 4. A list of companies, people, etc. whose activity is being closely examined to check that they are not doing something illegal.....
  - 5. To look at or examine all of something, especially carefully......
- 6. A pointed remark, question, or manner is intended as a criticism of the person it is directed to.
- 7. To keep or continue to have something, especially a position or money, or control of something.....

8. To say of do something as a reaction to something that has been said of done
9. The possibility that something unwanted will happen, or a person or thing that is
likely to cause something unwanted to happen
10. A ticket or other document is valid if it is based on or used according to a set of
official conditions that often include a time limit
11. A door, gate, etc. by which you can enter a building or place
12. To have something, especially a position or money, or to control something
13. Correctly, or in a satisfactory way
14. Related to a subject or to something happening or being discussed
15. Knowledge about a subject, situation, etc. or about how something works
16. Skilled and experienced
17. The fact that you like something or someone more than another thing or person
/ an advantage that is given to a person or a group of people
18. Too much
19. To control or influence something directly, or to decide what will happen
20. To organize and perform a particular activity
21. The feeling of having a positive opinion of someone or something
22. Relating or belonging to a single or particular person rather than to a group or
an organization
23. The situation in which an employer officially makes someone leave their job
24. An ability, characteristic, or experience that makes you suitable for a particular
job or activity
25. To consider something in order to make changes in it, study it, or give an opin-
ion about it
26. Satisfactory; good enough
27. Relating to money or how money is managed
28. The fact of someone being paid to work for a company or organization / work
esp. for someone else, for which you are paid, or a period of work
29. Extremely limiting or difficult; severe
30. A person who lives in a foreign country of which they are not a citizen
31. To protect someone or something so that they are not harmed, damaged, or
lost
32. To employ someone or pay someone to do a particular job
33. The fact of someone being paid to work for a company or organization
34. A test or examination to discover if there is anything wrong with someone
35. Severe and difficult.
36. Happening or existing before something or someone else
37. A person who formally requests something, especially a job, or to study at a
college or university

# 7. Read the text "Customs Border Protection Officer" and answer the questions that follow it.

When it comes to the nation's security, there are many potential threats to keep in mind. Customs Border Protection Officers watch different ports of entry to catch terrorists, illegal weapons, and those who try to bring illegal goods into the country. Becoming a Customs and Border Protection Officer requires you to obtain a high security clearance, demonstrate your skills via education and experience, and go through a rigorous hiring process.

As a Customs and Border Protection Officer, you may have to interact with lots of people. As people enter the country, you may inspect their belongings, look for signs of illegal activity or possessions, and seize items that cannot enter the country. You may also have to ensure that those who are entering the country are legally permitted to do so. Part of your career may be learning about human traffickers, narcotics dealers, and other dangerous criminals. This allows you to intercept criminals before they enter the country.

CBP Officers have a fairly physical job, so physical fitness is very important. You'll have to prove your fitness level in several different ways during training, so it's essential to begin preparing as soon as you know you want to pursue this career.

- 1. What potential threats, which customs border protection officers face every day, are mentioned in the text?
  - 2. What does the profession of a customs border protection officer require?
- 3. What responsibilities does a customs border protection officer take as people enter the country?
- 4. What does a customs border protection officer have to learn as part of their career?
  - 5. Why is physical fitness very important?
  - 6. When do you have to prove your fitness level?

8.	Watch	the	video	"Border	Patrol	training"	at
https://w	ww.youtube	e.com/wa	tch?v=i9z	9wXdz3SM aı	nd complete	e the sentences:	<i>;</i>
1. W	e traveled al	out 200 1	miles				
2. W	hat many do	n't know	is that this	training cente	er is		
3. H	undreds of n	nen and w	omen arriv	ve here to			
4. It	takes 66 day	s for the	trainees to				
5. (F	or those who	o don't sp	eak Spanis	sh) they stay			
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#### 1. Read and translate the text.

## WHAT DOES A CUSTOMS OFFICER DO?<sup>17</sup>

Customs officers perform important work that ensures the safety of the citizens and travelers. From searching passengers to arresting people, from working at airports to attending court cases, there are a wide variety of responsibilities that a customs officer faces on a daily basis throughout the entire year.



Their responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Preventing smuggling of illegal goods and items
- Fighting illicit alcohol and tobacco by searching luggage, cars and passengers
- Detecting drug crimes
- Stopping global trafficking of endangered animals
- Reading through passports
- Quizzing visitors about their journey
- Preparing statements and reports
- Detaining accused individuals
- Boarding ships, aircrafts and other vehicles at ports or aerodromes
- Maintaining physical endurance because the work environment can be stressful
- Having good judgment, communication skills and multitasking ability
- Handling each situation with professionalism because it may require full-body searches.

Industry professionals say that the average customs officer works five days a week and 36 hours. Customs officers work in shifts, which means the hours can vary throughout a 24-hour period (morning, afternoon, evening and graveyard). The industry offers part-time jobs seasonal work and employment shares.

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<sup>17</sup> https://www.careeraddict.com/become-a-customs-officer

The position of a customs officer will require the following skills:

- Every customs officer needs to be assertive, calm and resilient
- A customs officer must know how to work in a team
- Understand how to handle a firearm, handcuffs and X-ray equipment
- Every customs officer needs knowledge of detecting, whether it's by the personal eye or machinery
  - The physical ability to pass a fitness test and mental capacity to pass exams.

# 2. Write out the following words and word-combinations with transcription and translation.

Perform, ensure, attend, fight (v), illicit, crime, trafficking, read through, quiz (v), journey, board (v), prepare (statements and reports), accuse, endurance, aircraft, environment, stressful, multitasking (ability), average, graveyard, part-time job, employment (shares), assertive, calm, resilient, (work in a) team, handcuffs, machinery, (mental) capacity.

#### 3. Agree or disagree with the statements.

- 1. Customs officers perform important work that ensures the safety of the citizens.
- 2. There are few responsibilities that a customs officer faces on a daily basis.
- 3. The responsibilities of a customs officer include fighting illicit alcohol and tobacco by searching luggage, cars and passengers.
  - 4. Customs officers do not have to prepare statements and reports on a daily basis.
- 5. Customs officers maintain physical endurance because the work environment can be stressful and dangerous.
  - 6. Detaining accused individuals is not a customs agent's duty.
- 7. Having good judgment, communication skills and multi-tasking ability is necessary for a customs officer.
  - 8. An average customs officer works 24/7.
  - 9. Customs officers work in shifts.
- 10. The industry does not offer part-time jobs, seasonal work and employment shares.
  - 11. Every customs officer needs to be assertive, calm and resilient.
- 12. Every customs officer needs knowledge of detecting either by the personal eye or machinery.

#### 4. Translate the sentences from English into Russian.

1. Computers can perform a variety of tasks. 2. The airline is taking steps to ensure safety on its aircraft. 3. We must ensure that tourism develops in harmony with the environment. 4. I attended the classes for a month or two. 5. We need the public's help in

fighting crime. 6. They fought successfully against the illicit trade in stolen vehicles. 7. He was wanted on charges of trafficking in stolen property. 8. I read your proposal through last night and I think we'll agree to it. 9. She spent an hour being quizzed by the police officials. 10. I hadn't prepared a speech so I just said a few words off the cuff. 11. Running a marathon is a test of human endurance. 12. The office is quite bright and airy – it's a pleasant working environment. 13. The cost of health insurance has risen above the means of the average worker. 14. He works part-time as a waiter. 15. It is not easy to find employment in the countryside. 16. You need to be much more assertive. 17. She has such a calm voice that everyone feels relaxed soon. 18. Optimists argue that the economy may prove more resilient. 19. Every member of the team has an important contribution to make. 20. There was a pair of handcuffs in his bag. 21. The machinery company was a front operation for arms smuggling. 22. He suffered a stroke in 2008, but his mental capacity wasn't affected. 23. Customs agents must prevent illicit activities such as money laundering and counterfeiting. 24. Studies show that if a working environment is pleasant, productivity increases. 25. They boarded a ship that was sailing the next day. 26. The airline is taking steps to ensure safety on its aircraft. 27. Police work is physically demanding and stressful. 28. Women are often very good at multitasking. 29. He's been accused of drug crimes. 30. If you commit a crime, you will be punished. 31. The journey was quite quick because the road was clear.

#### 5. Translate the sentences from Russian into English.

1. Каждый день сотрудники таможни выполняют важную работу. 2. Кто обеспечивает безопасность пассажиров? 3. В прошлом году наши сотрудники не присутствовали на слушаниях дел в суде. 4. Наша цель – борьба с контрафактными товарами. 5. Сотрудники таможни задержали контрабандистов, однако нелегальная торговля на границе не была полностью прекращена. 6. Важно остановить глобальную незаконную торговлю животными, находящимися под угрозой исчезновения. 7. Вы проверили эти паспорта? – Да. Я проверил паспорта этих пассажиров и задал необходимые вопросы. 8. Он не подготовил отчет, потому что принимал участие в судебном заседании. 9. Вы должны быть очень выносливыми, если хотите работать в правоохранительных органах. 10. Чтобы проверить груз, нужно подняться на борт корабля. 11. Рабочая обстановка в офисе очень комфортная. 12. Работа сотрудника таможни очень напряженная, поэтому необходимо обладать физической выносливостью, коммуникативными навыками и способностью выполнять несколько дел одновременно. 13. Средний возраст сотрудников таможни составляет 40 лет. 14. Он часто работает в ночную смену. 15. Мне не нравится частичная занятость. Я предпочитаю работать полный рабочий день. 16. Он уехал из родного города в столицу, чтобы найти работу. 17. Сотрудник таможни должны быть спокойным, уверенным в себе и стрессоустойчивым, потому что каждый день сталкивается со множеством проблем на работе. 18. Они работали в команде, чтобы предотвратить контрабанду нелегальных товаров, включая незаконную торговлю алкоголем и тачными изделиями. 19. Сотрудники таможни задержали контрабандиста и одели на него наручники. 20. Можно использовать оборудование для проведения досмотра багажа и пассажиров. 21. Для розыскной деятельности требуются хорошие умственные способности. 22. Он совершил тяжкое преступление и был приговорен к тюремному заключению. 23. Она работает посменно? – Да. Она обычно работает утром или вечером. Но на прошлой неделе работала в обеденную смену. 24. Если вы хотите принять участие в этом проекте, вам нужно учиться работать в коллективе. 25. Сейчас он выполняет очень важную работу. 26. Чтобы обеспечивать безопасность пассажиров, нужно научиться профессионально разрешать любую ситуацию на рабочем месте. 27. У него нет ни коммуникативных навыков, ни опыта работы с людьми. 28. Я просмотрел его документы. Паспорт и водительское удостоверение валидны. 29. Он сохранял спокойствие в течение всего разговора. 30. Вам понравилось путешествие?

## 6. Read the definition of the word. What word is it? 1. Someone's ability to do a particular thing..... 2. A group of people who work together on a particular activity, project, etc....... 3. A group of large machines or the parts of a machine that make it work...... 4. Relaxed and not worried, frightened, or excited...... 5. Two metal or plastic rings joined by a short chain that lock around a prisoner's wrists..... 6. To make something certain to happen..... 7. Working or studying only for part of the day or the week...... 8. A standard or level that is considered to be typical or usual..... 9. Strong enough to get better quickly after damage, illness, shock, etc..... 10. Paid work that someone does for a person or company...... 11. The ability to keep doing something difficult, unpleasant, or painful for a long 12. The conditions that you live or work in and the way that they influence how you feel or how effectively you can work..... 13. Behaving or speaking in a strong, confident way..... 14. To ask someone questions about something..... 15. The act of buying or selling goods illegally..... 16. To make or get something or someone ready for something that will happen in the future..... 17. To use a lot of effort to defeat or achieve something, or to stop something hap-

	18. Typical and usual
	19. To go officially and usually regularly to a place
	20. Illegal or disapproved of by society
	21. To read something quickly from the beginning to the end, especially to find
mist	takes
	22. To do an action or piece of work
	23. To get onto or allow people to get onto a boat, train, or aircraft
	24. Any vehicle, with or without an engine, that can fly, such as a plane or helicop-
ter	
	25. Making you feel worried and nervous
	26. A person's ability to do more than one thing at a time
	27. To say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal, or unkind
	28. An action or activity that is against the law, or illegal activity generally
	29. The act of travelling from one place to another, especially in a vehicle

# 7. A customs officer has many responsibilities <sup>18</sup>. What responsibilities are you ready to take? What skills do you possess to accept them?

As customs officer, you would work in airports and seaports collecting customs duties and preventing smuggling and illegal trade.

You might:

- search luggage, vehicles and travelers;
- check customs documents:
- question people who have been found with illegal items or goods over the allowance;
  - arrest and charge people;
  - prepare reports and witness statements;
- take on specialist roles such as dog handling or undercover and surveillance work.
- when necessary, you would go to court as a witness and would work closely with other agencies, like the police.
- 8. Discuss in pairs 1) what Russian customs officers do and 2) what skills in the position of a customs officer are required in our country (compared to those enumerated in the text).
- 9. Read the article "Van Damme saves life of chihuahua after row over fake passport" and say what problem related to customs service the author touches upon.

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<sup>18</sup> https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/customs-officer

# VAN DAMME SAVES LIFE OF CHIHUAHUA AFTER ROW OVER FAKE PASSPORT

Action movie star Jean-Claude Van Damme has come to the rescue of a three-month-old chihuahua, saving her from euthanasia after a legal tussle between Norway and Bulgaria.

The dog named Raya was sold to new owners in Norway in September but officials there would not register her because she had travelled on a fake Bulgarian passport.

Norway tried to repatriate the animal but Bulgaria refused to take her back because of European Union rules on the transport of live animals, leaving the dog facing euthanasia – until the Belgian film legend got involved.

Van Damme, best known for his martial arts action films, launched an emotive campaign on social media, posting selfies of him hugging his chihuahua, which eventually persuaded Bulgaria's food safety authority to accept the dog back.

"I beg, please, for my birthday, the food safety authority, change your decision," Van Damme wrote over the weekend, launching a petition to save the dog.

"They made a mistake, the people who didn't do the paper correctly ... But they cannot kill that little chihuahua."

The food safety authority says Raya will have medical checks when she gets back to Bulgaria and will be put up for adoption.

Yavor Gechev from the Four Paws animal rights organisation told AFP on Monday that Bulgaria should be congratulated for showing flexibility but called for stricter control on illegal breeders and animal traffickers.

"The export of pets from eastern to western and northern Europe is a lucrative business," he said.

The dog's fake passport meant she would have been put down on 20 October under Norway's legislation, said Gechev.

The misadventures of Raya resemble the story of Penka the cow, who also faced a death sentence after wandering over Bulgaria's border with Serbia in May 2018.

Penka was saved thanks to an international campaign in her defence joined by former Beatle Paul McCartney.

10. People who are interested in becoming border control agents may also consider other careers with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Compare similar jobs at <a href="https://www.thebalancecareers.com/u-s-border-patrol-agent-career-profile-974463">https://www.thebalancecareers.com/u-s-border-patrol-agent-career-profile-974463</a> and say which career you would choose and why. Give your reasons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/19/van-damme-saves-life-of-chihuahua-after-row-over-fake-pass-

port?CMP=fb\_gu&utm\_medium=Social&utm\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1hnvXUu3xc6WYDCUUMQBBT1onVN 4gz21KRI0DcI\_Qt8xXDXwDw\_hDkk8g#Echobox=1603125029

#### **REVISION**

1. Complete the sentences using words or word-combinations from units 1-6. 1. The robot is programmed to look for ...... changes that indicate lying through eye-detection software and other sensors. 2. The system can detect changes in the eyes, voice, ...... and .....to determine ..... goods, arriving in or departing from the country to detect ...... of immigration and customs laws and regulations. 4. These professionals need to be ...... and have strong communication and ..... skills. 5. While it is not required, it is ideal for a person to study a ...... ...... during their years as a student. 6. Law ...... can also increase a person's chances of becoming a customs agent. 7. Customs agents spend a great deal of time interfacing with travelers and must be ..... and ..... 8. They must have keen ...... and the ability to work with various law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism and smuggling. 9. The focus is always on ..... 10. Customs and Border Protection is an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Its mission is to ..... the nation by preventing the entry of terrorists, weapons, illegal aliens, drugs and other contraband. 11. An understanding of ..... travel documentation is needed to ..... passports and visas. 12. In the event that a passenger is on a terrorist watch list, a customs officer must know how to ..... retain the individual, and ..... the situation. 13. Customs officers perform important work that ...... the safety of the citizens and travelers. 14. Every customs officer needs to be ....., calm and ...... 15. A customs officer must know how to ..... in a ...... 16. A customs officer must understand how to handle a ......, ..... and X-ray equipment. 17. Every customs officer needs knowledge of ....., whether it's by the personal eye or ..... 18. The responsibilities of a customs agent include but are not limited to ...... passports and ...... visitors about their journey.

#### 2. Agree or disagree with the statements.

- 1. Travelers in the US and Canada may soon be forced to undergo a lie detector test as a standard part of airport security.
- 2. If lying is detected, passengers are asked a series of questions to measure whether they are simply anxious about flying.
- 3. There are some customs agents that have an extensive knowledge of immigration laws and specialize in working with immigrants.
- 4. Law enforcement can also increase a person's chances of becoming a customs agent and replace the education requirements.
- 5. Customs agents are required to undergo training which includes classroom instruction or hands-on training.
- 6. The curriculum for a CBP officer-in-training is broad, from constitutional law and computer training to firearms training and tactical role play.
  - 7. Hiring requirements for border patrol and customs jobs are strange.
- 8. Qualifications are stiff, so personal financial problems, a history of employment dismissals, illegal drug use or excessive drinking can prevent approval.
- 10. CBP officers work at ports of entry to conduct baggage and cargo inspections to determine that no contraband is allowed, that all declaration forms are properly completed and that any taxes or duties are paid.
- 11. Trained to look for security threats, a customs officer asks different questions to determine why passengers are entering the country.
- 12. In addition to surveying passengers, U.S. Airport Customs Officers search luggage to look for contraband or questionable items. A thorough knowledge of legal items allowed in the U.S. is critical for this process.
- 13. Customs officers perform important work that ensures the safety of the immigrants and travelers.
- 14. Customs officers must know how to handle each situation with professionalism because it may require full-body searches.
- 15. Customs officers are not allowed to stop global trafficking of endangered animals.
- 16. The responsibilities of customs officers include preventing smuggling of illegal goods and items, fighting illicit alcohol and tobacco by searching luggage, cars and passengers, detecting drug crimes.
- 17. Strong communication skills and the ability to detect untruthful answers are not essential in the screening process, because everything is done by the machine.
  - 18. Customs officers are not authorized to detain accused individuals.
- 19. There are a wide variety of responsibilities that a customs officer faces on a daily basis throughout the entire year.
  - 20. Every customs officer needs to be assertive, calm and resilient.